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FURTHER CLAIMS BY MARSHAL FENG YU-HSIANG.

ALLEGED BELGIAN LOAN.

The Nationalists at Nanking have, according to a late Chinese message received to-day, ordered a resumption of the offensive against the North, for which purpose orders have been issued for all the troops at present stationed in Nanking, Wushih and Shanghai to concentrate on the Pengpu front.

In connexion with the above, it is interesting to note that according to a Nationalist news agency, Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, who is co-operating with Nanking, has made an advance in the vicinity of Hauehowfu, and that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has gone to Dairen.

It is also announced from Nanking that the expedition against General Tang Seng-chi, of Hankow, is progressing favourably, there being large troops concentrations at Kiukiang. The complete defeat of Tang is confidently expected, and one of the minor Generals reports that he has gained a victory over some opposing forces after a three days' battle.

Answering questions in the House of Commons, a Government spokesman stated that the cost of the troops in China up to September 30 was estimated to be £2,900,000.

DEFENCE FORCE COSTS £3,000,000.

Shanghai, Nov. 10. General Ho Ying-ching has ordered his troops in Nanking, Wushih and Shanghai to leave immediately for the Northern front and to concentrate in Sanchia within three days. General Ho accompanied by General Liu Chi left for the front yesterday morning to direct operations against Pempu, which the Nationalists expect to capture very shortly. General Ho now directs the Northern military campaign while Generals Li Chung-jen and Ching Chien direct the western campaign against Gen. Tang Seng-chi.

Orders for resumption of the attack against the North were given by the Nanking Government yesterday and it is reported that severe battles are taking place on the Minkwang front.

The expeditionary armies against Gen. Tang Seng-chi are now being concentrated in Kiukiang. Generals Li Chung-jen and Ching Chien have arrived at Kiukiang and will leave with their forces to attack Wuhan. According to the latest military communication from Nanking, the vanguards of the 7th army under General Li Chung-jen are now not far from Wuchang. Tang Seng-chi still holds the railway line but is attacked from different directions and should meet with complete defeat shortly. Admiral Chen Shao-hwang is taking the gunboat "Choi-jui" to join in the attack against Wuhan. General Hu Chung-tao, a subordinate to General Li Chung-jen, has reported to Nanking that he has had a battle with the Hankow forces under Ho Chien, which lasted for three days, and the result of it was the overwhelming defeat of Ho's force a large portion of which has been disarmed. —Nam Chung Pao.

NATIONALIST CLAIMS.

General Successes.

Shanghai, Nov. 10. The Nationalist Kuo Min news agency claims that the forces of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang have advanced in the vicinity of Hauehowfu, that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang

One Chinese case of cerebrospinal meningitis was reported yesterday.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is central near Shanghai. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China sea. The local forecast up to noon to-morrow is: N. E. winds, moderate; fine.

ALLEGED BELGIAN LOAN.

Protest by Nationalists.

Shanghai, Nov. 10. The Nationalist Kuo Min news agency says that the Nationalist Government has protested against the alleged Belgian loan of five million gold dollars to Marshal Chang Tso-lin conditionally upon the extension of the Sino-Belgian Commercial treaty for five years. —Reuter.

COST OF DEFENCE.

Nearly £3,000,000 Spent.

London, Nov. 9. In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Captain King said that the official expenditure from army funds on the troops sent to China, up to September 30, was estimated to be £2,900,000, including expenditure incurred prior to March 31. —Reuter.

HANKOW BREAK UP?

Tang in Precarious Position.

Shanghai, Nov. 9. News from the Middle Yangtze is very meagre, but tends to suggest that Tang Seng-chi's position is most precarious as dissonance has broken out between Ho Chien's thirty fifth and Liu Shi's thirty sixth armies, as the result of which the Wuhan troops have evacuated Wusueh and are falling back to Hwangchow with the possibility that the dissonances will cause internecine fighting.

Meanwhile, strong detachments of the third and sixth Nanking armies are advancing from Kiukiang through Wuning and Yihing, threatening the Wuchang-Changsha railway, while the pro-Nanking second army on November 8 from Ichang occupied Yochow, cutting Tang Seng-chi's communications with Changsha. It is rumoured that Chen Chien has promised Hunan to Li Chung-jen if the Nanking campaign is successful. —Reuter.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Yingchow, Mantun, Macedonia, Suiyang, Van Heutz, Formosa, Tonier, Times Maru, Cheribon Maru, Suzanna II, Menado Maru, Selyo Maru, Chenan, Soochow, Dalviken, Venezia, Kiangsu, Tjinalak, Porthos, Talma and Hop-sang.

CHOCHOW SIEGE.

A STUDY OF CHINESE WARFARE.

WEARY CAMPAIGNING.

Mr. Putnam Weale writes from Peking on October 26 to the *Shanghai Times*:

People are going out by train to look at Chochow, which is one of the curiosities of this unexpected war with Shansi. Chochow is about 45 miles from Peking and in normal times can be reached in something over two hours. It is one of the very ordinary Chinese market towns, with stout medieval walls, of which there are hundreds in North China and thousands throughout the whole Chinese dominion.

Lying less than a mile from the station of the same name on the Peking-Hankow trunk railway, it is the last place in the world you would imagine would hold up the whole Fengtien army. Yet for more than a fortnight it has been under siege; and although there appear to be only 5,000 Shansi troops inside, so stout are the walls that failing an assault which might cost the Manchurian army thousands of casualties, the only way of securing its surrender is by starvation and negotiation. The heavy artillery, after prolonged fire, has entirely failed to make any impression whatsoever on the defences; for when the outer brickwork was blown away, the real medieval city wall emerged and was shown to consist of solid squares of stone, good for a thousand bombardments.

After that discovery the artillery ceased firing; for this is a war in which the husbanding of ammunition is as important as it was to the British in the early days of Flanders, since after Shansi there is Hunan to think of; and after that the whole problem of the Yangtze.

Sermon in Stone.

The walls of Chochow are that sermon in stone Shakespeare so eloquently speaks of; they tell more of Chinese history and characteristics than all the books ever written. They are an illustration, a picture-book, of that incomprehensible history which fills fat tomes; they summarize the passivity, the negative way of using force which is so ingrained in the race. The Chinese method of opposing attack—or of making an attack—is to stonewall; you may rush forward a few hundred miles into the enemy's country, but as soon as you have done that, instead of a war of movement, you dig yourself in and prepare for a war of attrition. The element of time, which does not exist in the sense that it exists among Western nations, is completely removed from the picture, it is easy to see exactly how it has been possible for the Chinese to defend themselves and maintain their characteristics throughout 40 centuries.

A market-town such as Chochow, without any preparation other than closing its gates, can even in the Twentieth Century sustain a siege of indefinite length in spite of bombardment, provided there is no treachery among the garrison.

Why Fighting May Drag On.

Market-towns throughout China are the repositories of all the grain and foodstuffs from the surrounding country; and immediately after a harvest there is a surplus which can maintain the inhabitants certainly for months, if not for longer. Even with the most modern weapons and with high explosive it is too costly to blow down the walls; in olden days there was nothing that the enemy could possibly do but ride round out of arrow-shot and hurl ineffective curses at the lines of heads looking down through the embrasures. Chochow may have surrendered long before this is in print (Fengtien troops were reported in the city on Nov. 1. —Ed.); for satisfactory terms are being offered to the garrison, which is to be transported to Manchuria and incorporated in the Fengtien army. On the other hand, it may not have surrendered simply because the character of Shansi men is like the Shantung character; dour and intractable.

The incident is highly significant as showing that in spite of all the talk of a new nation having been born, a generation could really pass away with this Civil War.

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EXCITING ESCAPE OF PRINCESS MARY.

OUTBREAK OF FIRE IN MANSION.

RUSH FROM BEDROOMS.

London, Nov. 9.

Princess Mary and her husband, Viscount Lascelles, had an exciting escape early to-day from an outbreak of fire at Bretton Park, between Barnsley and Wakefield, Yorkshire, the residence of Lord Allendale. They had to rush from their bedrooms wearing only their night clothes.

Fire was found to have started in the night nursery where the three children of Lord and Lady Allendale and a nurse were sleeping. Lady Allendale herself dashing past the blazing day nursery was in time to rouse the children and nurse who were taken to safety. Princess Mary's two children were also in the house but, apparently, not in the danger zone. The Princess was instrumental in saving other persons from serious injury if not death. Her Royal Highness, with other guests who had to leave their bedrooms, had taken temporary refuge in the library. She expressed the opinion that the ceiling of the library, which was below the day nursery, threatened to fall in and suggested that all should leave the room and told the servants, who were using fire extinguishers, to come away.

Lord Allendale and his guests set to work to fight the flames pending the arrival of the fire brigade. The fire was eventually localised to the day nursery and library, but much damage was done by fire, smoke and water to valuable books, pictures and furniture.

Telegrams were sent to the King and Queen informing their Majesties of their daughter's safety. —British Wireless.

U.S. COTTON SLUMPS AGAIN.

OWING TO BETTER CROP ESTIMATES.

New York, Nov. 9.

Prices on the cotton exchange broke from four to six dollars a bale, after publication of the estimate by the Department of Agriculture showing an increase of 150,000 bales compared with the October forecast.

The New Orleans cotton market is also weak, and prices are declining similarly. —Reuter's American Service.

The heavy selling is attributed to the fact that the October increase in cotton might foreshadow a further increase in the current month.

Sharp rallies followed, the market closing steady, after a net decline of 83.99 points. —Reuter's American Service.

A GERMAN FIRM'S BORROWINGS.

MORE AMERICAN CREDITS.

Berlin, Nov. 9.

The Nord Deutsche Lloyd concluded an agreement with an American banking group, composed of Kuhn, Loeb and Company and the Guaranty Trust Company, for a 20-year loan of G.\$20,000,000 at 6 per cent., guaranteed by the Guaranty Trust Company and the Darmstadter und National Bank. —Reuter.

New York, Nov. 9. The Nord Deutsche Lloyd loan is being offered to-day by a syndicate headed by Kuhn, Loeb and Co., at 94. —Reuter's American Service.

ROYAL VISITOR.

ENJOYS SUBMARINE RIDE.

London, Nov. 9.

King Faisal, of Iraq, and his Prime Minister visited Portsmouth Dockyard to-day. They had a three hours' trip to Spithead in Submarine L22. —British Wireless.

BRITISH POLICY.

GUILDHALL SPEECH BY PREMIER.

CHINA AND INDIA.

London, Nov. 9.

There were traditionally enchanting scenes of pomp at the Guildhall, at the Lord Mayor's banquet, which was attended by leaders in all walks of public activity.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, was the principal speaker, and he noted the profound and beneficial change in European relationships during the past year. He said that when the Soviets were prepared to observe the ordinary decencies of international intercourse they would find Britain ready to meet them in a spirit of liberality and goodwill.

China.

He regretted the lack of improvement in the China situation, due to the multiplicity of conflicting Governments and Generals, whom it was contrary to our policy of non-interference to recognise.

Egypt.

As regards Egypt, the Premier declared that both parties had reason to be satisfied with the recent Anglo-Egyptian negotiations.

India.

As regards India, he defended the policy of the non-inclusion not only of Indians, but of anyone connected with the Indian Government or commerce, on the Statutory Commission, their sole desire being to give real instructed opinion and Indians the best chance of taking an effective and constructive part in devising a solution.

Industry.

Mr. Baldwin concluded by referring to the slight improvement in important industries in the past few months, and the likelihood of increased activity in the near future. He finally commended the recent exhortation by Mr. Philip Snowden to Labour to help and make the present industrial system efficient and highly productive, conditionally on Labour sharing in the improvement. —Reuter.

Memorandum Adhered To.

Later.

In the course of his speech at the Guildhall, Mr. Baldwin declared that Britain was able to recognise none of the contending factions as the paramount Government in China, "but we abide by the principles laid down in the memorandum of December 1926."

India's Problems.

A large part of his speech was devoted to the Indian commission's enquiry "into a problem vital not only to India and the Empire, but also to civilisation." He appealed to all concerned to abandon suspicions, jealousies, and strife between East and West, and approach the problem with a common determination to build on the best and surest foundations. —Reuter.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRES LEAVE.

DEPARTURE FOR SHANGHAI THIS AFTERNOON.

Brought up to strength by a large draft from Home, the 2nd Batt. The Northamptonshire Regiment left for Shanghai this afternoon aboard the troopship Somersetshire.

The battalion marched from Sharncliffe shortly after dusk last evening, and it is understood, the embarkation was completed this morning.

The Somersetshire is expected to return from Shanghai in the course of next week, or early the following week, and she will take on board the usual reliefs for Home.

The Scots Guards and the Queen's Royal Regiment, of the Reforce, are the only battalions remaining in Hongkong now, in addition to the garrison battalion, the K.O.S.B.

TO-DAY.

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DISPERSAL OF 1925 STRIKERS.

RESULT OF CONFERENCE IN CANTON.

"COMPENSATION" SCHEME.

On Tuesday a big meeting was held at Canton, at which more than two hundred representatives of the various Unions were present, for the purpose of discussing the settlement of the 1925 strikers. Others who were present included Mr. Tse Ying-pak, the Commissioner of Labour Affairs, Mr. Chau Min-cho, the Commissioner of Finance, and several other Government officials.

After speeches had been delivered, it was decided by the meeting that the following proposals regarding the settlement and dispersal of the strikers should be adopted:—

That strikers be compensated according to three groups: Persons in the first group will receive \$60 in cash and \$40 in Government Bonds, while those in the second group will get \$55 in cash and \$35 in Government Treasury Bonds, and those in the third group will receive \$45 in cash and \$25 in Government Treasury Bonds.

The distribution of these sums to the strikers will be in the hands of the Commissioners of the Strikers' Headquarters, in co-operation with the representatives of the Commissioners of Finance and Labour Affairs, and payments will be made beginning from to-day to the 25th instant. On the 27th all the board houses occupied by the strikers will be taken back by the Public Safety Bureau and be handed back to their landlords, and on the 26th instant all the dining halls of the strikers will be closed, while the Canton Government will stop supporting the Strikers' Headquarters with a daily allowance of \$10,000. Instead, however Government will make a monthly allowance of \$3,000 so that the Striker's Commissioners' Union will continue to function. The Government will supply to each of the strikers a free passage ticket to come to Canton from wherever they might be to obtain their share of "compensation."

The Commissioner of Labour Affairs, co-operating with the Commissioners of the Striker's Headquarters, will inaugurate an organisation, called "The Hongkong Strikers' Employment Bureau" to find employment for the dispersed strikers.

A memorial hall to the 1925 Hongkong strikers is to be erected and the Government will be petitioned to open Whampoa as a commercial port at an early date, so that unemployed strikers will find work in connexion with its construction.

BY AIR TO SOUTH AMERICA.

FRENCH CONCERN GETS A SUBSIDY.

Paris, Nov. 9.

The Chamber's finance committee has agreed to the allocation of a subsidy of 120,000,000 francs for 1928, to the Latococera Company, for the purpose of establishing an air service between France and South America. —Reuter.

S. AFRICA'S PRECIOUS STONES.

JOINT SESSION ADOPTS LEGISLATION.

Capetown, Nov. 9.

A joint sitting of the Senate and Assembly has adopted the Precious Stones Bill, over which there was such a controversy recently, oppositionists having introduced a number of amendments. —Reuter.

MR. ARTHUR SAMUEL'S SUCCESSOR.

London, Nov. 9.

The M.P., Captain Hacking, has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade, in succession to the Rt. Hon. A. M. Samuel, who succeeds Mr. Ronald McNeill (Baron Cushindun) as Financial Secretary to the Treasury. —Reuter.

BRITISH BANKS.

ESSENTIAL WORK IN CHINA.

RESPONSIBLE POSITION.

The essentials of this subject of British banks in China are best reached through figures indicating the significance of the embargo which the Nationalist Government at Nanking has placed on the export of silver, writes Mr. E. M. Gull, late Secretary of the Associated British Chamber of Commerce in China, in the *Far East Review*. In 1926 shipments of silver in the form of bars, sycee and dollars from Shanghai to other ports and cities in China (including Hongkong), totalled bars 35,939; sycee Tls. 5,080,000 and \$64,000,000, their chief distribution being as follows:

Dollar Shipments.

Place	Amount
To Hangchow	21,988
Nanking	13,142
Hankow	625

Bar Shipments.

To Hangchow	1,450,000
Hankow	1,200,000
Nanking	950,000

Sycee Shipments.

To Hongkong	14,600,000
Hankow	6,450,000
Tientsin	6,100,000
Amoy	6,050,000
Swatow	5,550,000
Tsingtao	4,750,000

Most of the bar shipments went to the mints for coinage purposes, and represent the needs of commerce indirectly. Most of the sycee and all the dollar shipments went to their various destinations to finance trade as required, a large proportion of the dollars being used to pay for silk, cotton, seeds and other commodities intended for export abroad. And as a large proportion of all three classes of shipments constituted withdrawals from the vaults of the British banks, both the relation of these institutions to the economic life of China and the extent to which the Nationalists at Nanking are interfering with trade become at once apparent.

Banks and Currency.

The banks are called exchange banks, and their primary function is to enable China, a silver-using country, to sell to and buy from countries the majority of which use gold as a medium of exchange. The circumstances in which the British institutions perform this function, however, place them (as the figures given above illustrate) in a peculiar and highly responsible position in relation to the country's monetary system, which were thus described in 1919 by the late Mr. A. G. Stephen, manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Shanghai.

"Until a mint is provided in which the foreign banks have confidence these banks cannot possibly recommend their Governments to agree to the abolition of sycee, which is the sheet anchor of China's currency at the present time. Both the Government and the provincial banks have issued notes so recklessly that this form of currency is entirely discredited. Each provincial mint has been a law unto itself and has coined enormous quantities of sub-silver and copper coins, of various weights and fineness; in fact, those in charge of the mints have undoubtedly used their position for the purpose of making money for themselves. The result is naturally that the subsidiary coinage of China does not command the confidence of the meanest coolie, and the variations of its weight and fineness provides a living for it, it is said, 2,000 exchange shops in Shanghai alone."

Note Issues.

As a hopeful indication in this picture of disorder, Mr. Stephen described the way in which dollars minted by the Nanking Mint were circulating all over northern China and penetrating into Manchuria and Mongolia, but he was not able to describe them as being more than "fairly reliable," and at the conference of Chambers held in the following year Mr. G. H. Stitt, his successor, referring to variations between dollars minted in 1920 and 1919, said: "Dollars as variable as these are not coins in the technical sense, for they have no definite intrinsic value. At the best they are but a commodity whose expressed value in the accepted 'tail' unit must fluctuate considerably."

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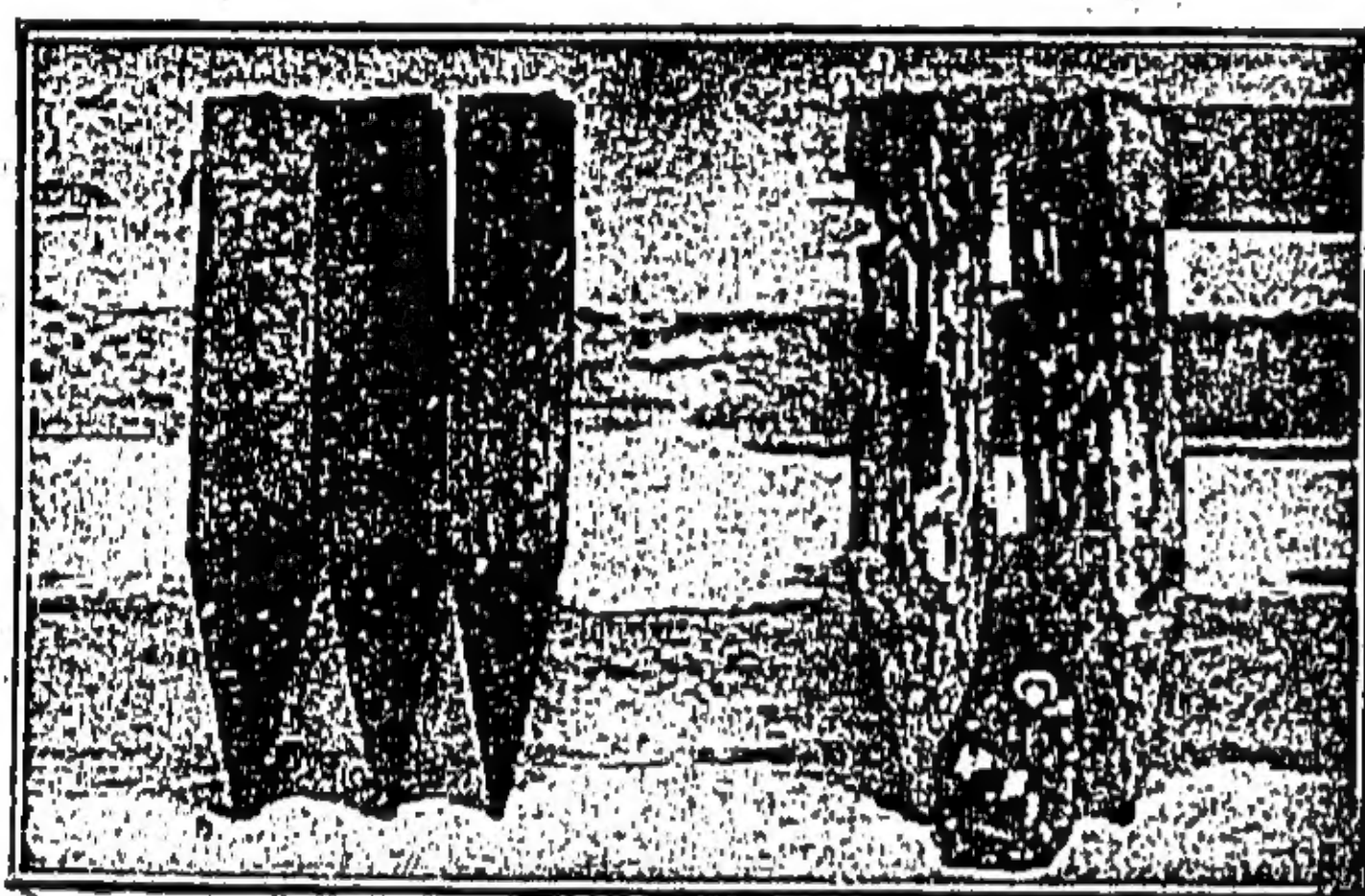
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HARBOUR ROBBERY.

THE WO FAT SHING COUP
DESCRIBED BY CLERK.

Further details of the sensational hold-up in Hongkong Harbour of the steam launch Wo Fat Shing, and the theft of gold bars consigned to Annam, were related at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when the case against one of the alleged participants was continued before Mr. W. Schofield.

Sub-Inspector Dorling is prosecuting on behalf of the Police and Mr. D. McCallum is representing the defendant.

The evidence of a clerk of the Wo Fat Shing Company was that he had received a bill of lading for the delivery of gold to the s.s. Prominent for export to Annam at 6.30 p.m. on October 12, witness accordingly accompanied a consignment of gold to the Prominent by launch. There were four employees of the firm besides witness who sat at the bow of the launch near the gold.

Whilst on the way to the Prominent which was tied up at Buoy C-36 near Kennedy Town, witness noticed that his folks who had previously been amidstships, were sitting with him at the bow of the launch. Turning round, witness saw a man in a black coat. Addressing witness, this man informed him that a search would be carried out on board. Witness thought the man was a member of the Water Police until everybody was ordered down into the cabin.

In the cabin all the men were bound and gagged and told they need have no fear as it was money the intruders were after and not the crew's lives. Witness was in the act of drawing a pistol when he noticed a man at the top of the stairs holding a revolver. The crew and passengers were then searched and relieved of their personal property. The defendant who carried a firearm searched the men.

Report to Police.

Before leaving the robbers ordered the men not to stir till sometime after nine o'clock. Ten minutes after the robbers' departure, however, the launch bumped against something and one of the seamen shouted that the boat was leaking. Going on deck witness found the launch aground off North Point. The men on board then went ashore and reported the occurrence to the police.

Cross-examined by Mr. McCallum, witness said that he had been in the employ of the complainant for four years. He was familiar with Wong Yee, the coxswain, and two of the seamen. The former was on board in charge of the launch on the day of the robbery.

Mr. McCallum: Had he anything to do with the robbery?

Witness: I do not know.

Continuing witness said he was too frightened to notice who the man was who pointed a revolver at him. Wong Yee was then at the wheel. Witness could not recollect whether anyone was near the coxswain.

Three robbers visited the cabin while witness and the others were confined below. Witness did not know who the first two men were. The defendant was in custody at the Water Police Station when witness saw him.

Answering Sub-Inspector Dorling, witness said he recognised the defendant immediately he was taken into the charge room.

Corroborative evidence was given by others who were on board after which the case was adjourned till next Tuesday.

BISHOP OF NAGASAKI.

RECEPTIONS ARRANGED.
IN PARIS.

Paris, Nov. 9.
The French Society of Friends of Missions is arranging receptions in honour of Mgr. Hayasaka, Bishop of Nagasaki who is due in Paris on the 27th.—Havas.

SUNNING ECHO.

PRESENTATION TO THE
CHIEF OFFICER.

On Wednesday of next week Mr. T. P. Beatty, who was Chief Officer of the Sunning when she was pirated a year ago and was instrumental in organising a successful resistance, will be the recipient of a presentation from the Marine Insurance Association. The presentation will be of a private nature, and will be made by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) at the Company's office in Chartered Bank Building.

Only a few invitations are being issued, these being confined to members of the Association, Commodore J. L. Pearson, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce), the Senior Naval Officer, Intelligence, and the head of the China Navigation Company.

A few weeks ago Mr. J. S. Hurst, the second officer, and Mr. George McCormack, the Chief Engineer, received similar acknowledgments of their services from the Shanghai Marine Underwriters' Association. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire have also presented to each of the officers of the Sunning a gold watch.

MADRAS STATUE.

SWARAJIST PROPOSAL TO
REMOVE REJECTED.

Madras, Oct. 21.

By 67 votes to 29, the Madras Legislature rejected a Swarajist motion for the removal of General Neill's statue from the present site.

Unofficial members described the late General Neill as a "cowardly murderer," while Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks, for the Government, warned members against the possibility of the movement spreading to other statues.

Mr. C. E. Wood, in deprecating the strong language used, recalled the Cawnpore murders, when innocent Englishmen, women and children were murdered.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ARMISTICE DAY.

Sir,—With reference to the letter of yesterday, may I trespass on your space to inform all ex-Service men and women that those who cannot arrange to be present at the Cathedral should collect at the Cenotaph corner near the statue to Sir Henry May before 10.45 a.m.

I should also like to draw attention to Reuter's telegram of November 7th: which states that ex-Service women are participating for the first time at the London ceremony and it is hoped they will attend here.—Yours, etc.,

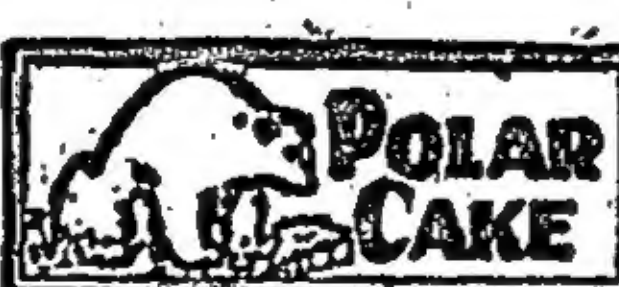
A. PIERCY.
Secretary, British Legion.

LOST MANUSCRIPT.

OSCAR WILDE'S "DUCHESS
OF PADUA."

New York, Nov. 9.

The long-sought manuscript of Oscar Wilde's play "Duchess of Padua," hitherto believed to have been lost or destroyed, has just been discovered. It consists of 226 pages of Wilde's exquisite handwriting, brought from England last week by the actor, son of a Bloomsbury printer and is now in the possession of the President of the Anderson Galleries.—Reuter's American Service.



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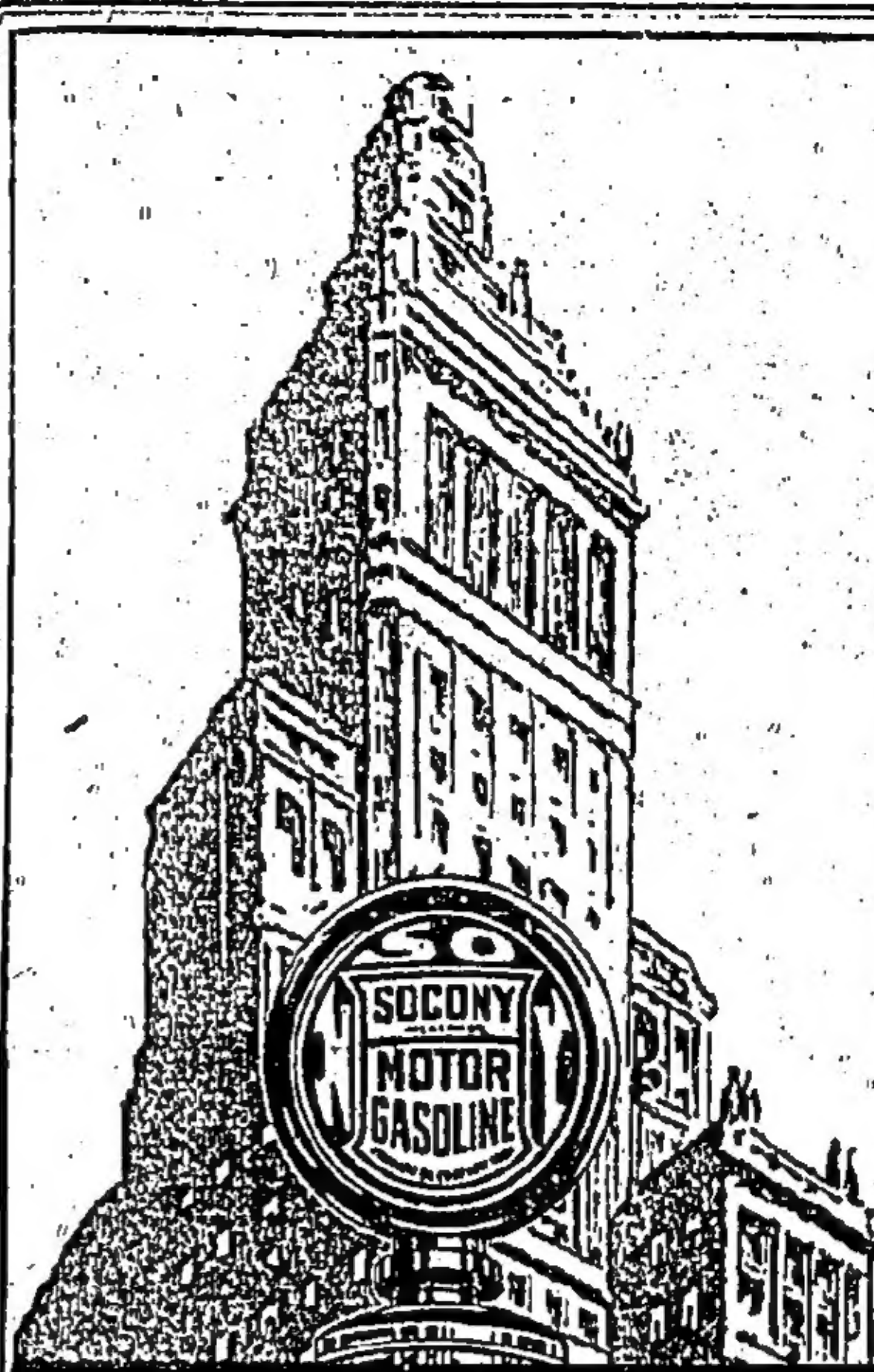
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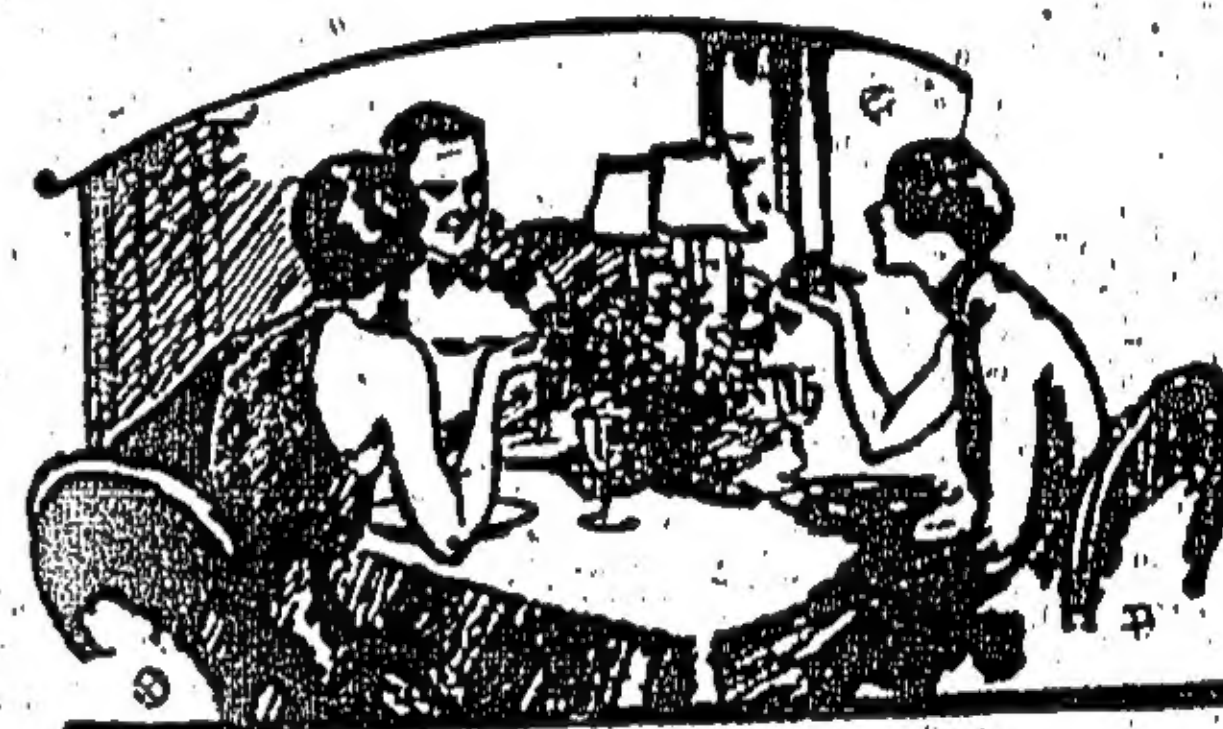
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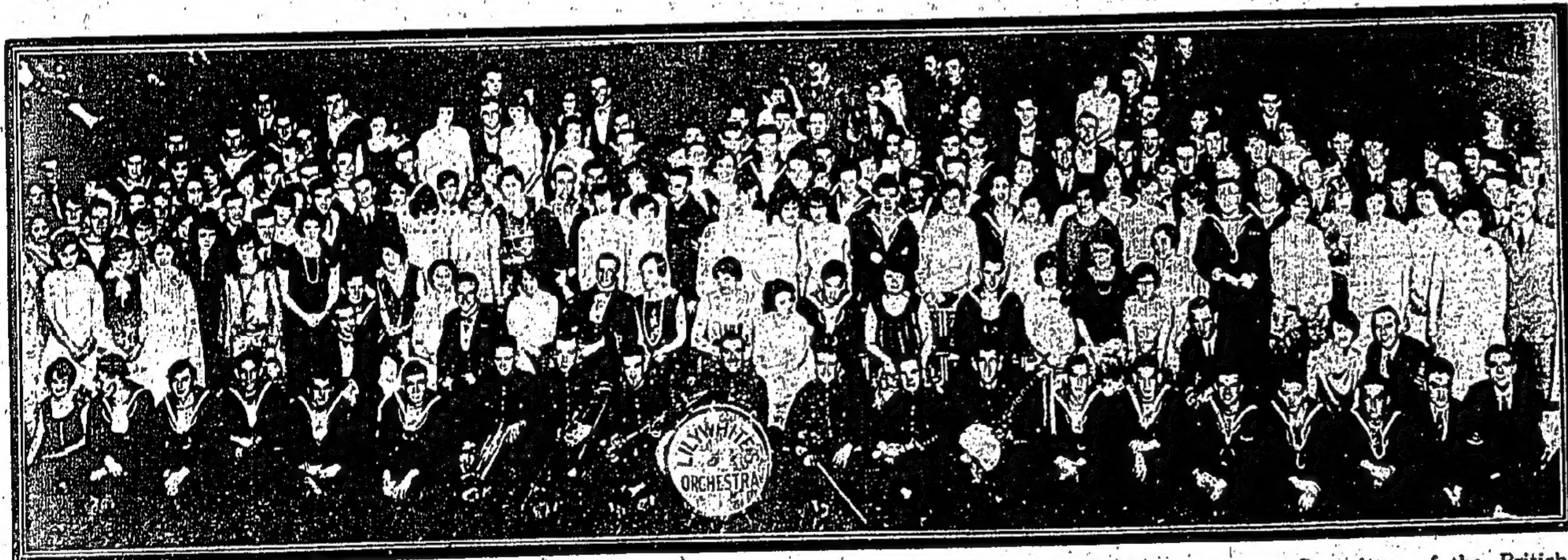
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R. N. AND R. A. F. DANCE.—The Town Hall at Shanghai was the scene of a delightful dance, given by the Entertainment Committee of the British Women's Association, for men of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. Lily White's orchestra was in great form.



SOME OF THE CAST IN "THE CREAKING CHAIR."—Left to right: Mr. K. Sawcott as Edwin Latter; Miss Eame Barton, as Sylvia Latter; Mr. K. E. Newman, as Angus Holly; Mrs. W. Isenman, as Anita Latter; Mr. G. Crane as Oliver Hart (of Scotland Yard); Mr. R. C. Johnson as Jim Bates (a detective); Mr. C. Fletcher as Henley (a detective); and, seated, Mr. Ian Belth, as John Outling. They appear in "The Creaking Chair," being staged by Shanghai amateurs.

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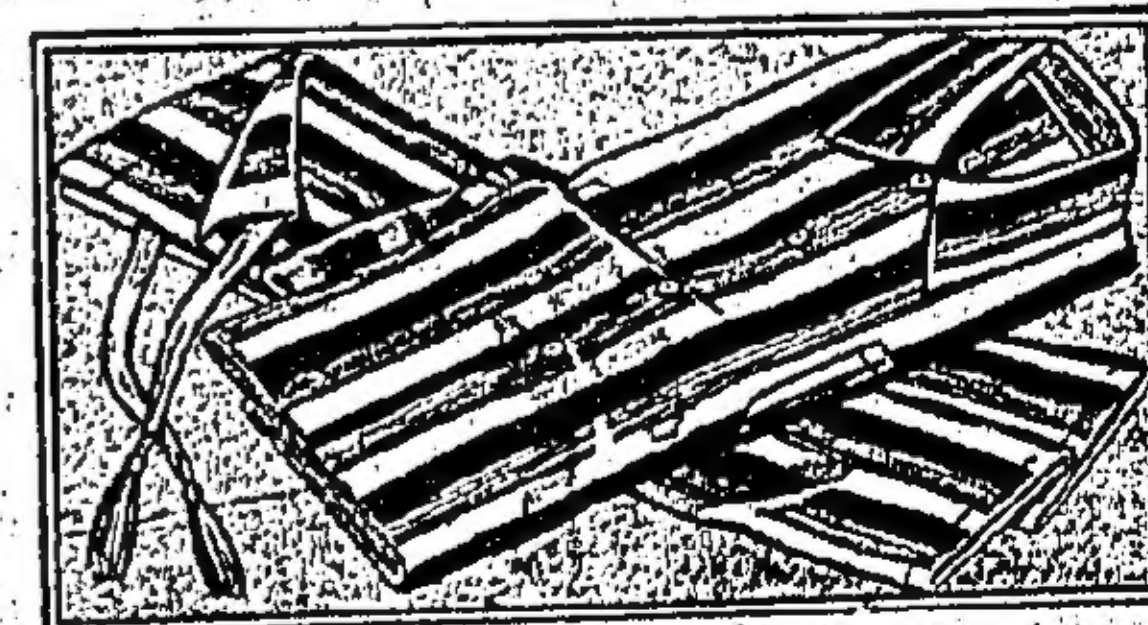
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FANLING HUNT.

Draft programmes and entry forms for the Autumn Meeting to be held on Saturday, 3rd December, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce Grove, The Polo Club, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries will close at noon on Saturday, 19th November, 1927.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

On FRIDAY, 11th November, 1927, all departments will be CLOSED.
The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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Hongkong, November 9th, 1927.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, The Exchange Banks will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY, the 11th Instant.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 26th November, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.
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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sunday, and one delivery of registered correspondence from the G.P.O. at 9 a.m.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

XMAS LETTER MAIL FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

Xmas Letter Mail via Marseilles for Great Britain will be closed in the G.P.O. at 9.30 a.m. the 10th Inst. per s.s. "Suwa Maru".
This mail is due in London on the 20th December.

NOTICE

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PARCEL MAILS FOR GREAT BRITAIN.
Xmas and New Year Parcel Mails for Great Britain will be closed in the General Post Office at 5 p.m. the 10th November per s.s. "Macedonia".
This mail is due in London on the 15th December.

The parcels post service to Russia in Asia via Japan is temporarily suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

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Parcels post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

Parcels for places in Szechwan will now be accepted for transmission at senders' risk. It is to be noted that parcels are liable to delay, and that the service may be suspended again at any time.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

It is notified for information that Feather Fans and Brooches cannot not be sent by post to Great Britain. They are prohibited by the Plumage (Prohibition) Act of 1921.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Yingchow	November 10.
Europe via Suva, (Letters and Papers)		
London, 13th October and Parcels		
6th October, 1927.		
Japan and Shanghai	Mantua	November 11.
Shanghai	Macedonia	November 11.
Suiyang		November 12.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	November 13.
Straits	Hakusan Maru	November 13.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	November 14.
Manila	Pres. Grant	November 14.
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	November 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	November 18.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	November 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Polk	November 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	November 21.
Japan	Mishima Maru	November 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang-		
hai	Shinyo Maru	November 22.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Samshui and Wuchow	Winghung	Thurs. Nov. 10, 4 p.m.
Formosa	Bushu Maru	Thurs. Nov. 10, 5 p.m.
Hoihow	Soon Ann	Thurs. Nov. 10, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sunkong	Thurs. Nov. 10, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	Fri. Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
Saigon	Wongshikong	Fri. Nov. 11, 7 a.m.
Bangkok	Kwangtung	Fri. Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Fri. Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via		
Siberia	Mantua	Fri. Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,		
and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and		
Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia	Sat. Nov. 12, 10 a.m.

Parcels 10th 4.30 p.m.
Registration 12th 9 a.m.
Letters 12th 10 a.m.
G.P.O.

Parcels 10th 5 p.m.
Registration 12th 9.45 a.m.
Letters 12th 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 9th December and due London 15th December.)

Manila Sat. Nov. 12, 3.30 p.m.
Pawlet Sat. Nov. 12, 3.30 p.m.
Cheongshing Sat. Nov. 12, 3.30 p.m.

Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and
Haiphong Sat. Nov. 12, 5 p.m.
Amoy Sat. Nov. 12, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Sun. Nov. 13, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Sun. Nov. 13, 9 a.m.
Shanghai Hakusan Maru

Manila, Australia and New Zealand
via Thursday Island Tues. Nov. 14, 10.30 a.m.
Taiping Tues. Nov. 15, 9.45 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island 28th Nov.)

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Tues. Nov. 15, Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,
E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and
Europe via Marseilles Tues. Nov. 15, 1 p.m.

Calchas Tues. Nov. 15, 1 p.m.
K. P. O.
Registration 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.

G. P. O.
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles, 16th Dec.)

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C.
and S. America, and Europe via
Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via
Siberia Tues. Nov. 15, 3 p.m.

Emp. of Asia Tues. Nov. 15, 3 p.m.
Parcels 4.15 p.m.
Letters 4.15 p.m.
(Due Vancouver, B.C., 4th December.)

Swatow Tues. Nov. 15, 5 p.m.
Japan Tues. Nov. 15, 5.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta Fri. Nov. 18, noon

Parcels 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Fri. Nov. 18, 1 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,
E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and
Europe via Marseilles Sat. Nov. 19, 1 p.m.

Suwa Maru Sat. Nov. 19, 1 p.m.
K. P. O.
Parcels Nov. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Letters Nov. 19, 9 a.m.

G. P. O.
Registration Nov. 19, 8.45 a.m.
Letters Nov. 19, 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 18th December.)

Amoy Sat. Nov. 19, 5 p.m.
Manila Emp. of Canada

Tues. Nov. 22, 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand
via Thursday Island Wed. Nov. 23, 8.45 a.m.

Mishima Maru Wed. Nov. 23, 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island 5th December.)

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

New York messages state that Mary Wills, formerly stewardess on the steamship American Trader, pleaded "Guilty" to a charge of manslaughter and assault on an engineer on the same boat. She was sentenced to imprisonment for a year and a day in the Federal Reformatory. Wills was originally charged in London, but it was afterwards agreed that the trial should be held in the United States.

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ter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1927.

THE INDIAN REFORMS.

It appears as if much of the good
work done by the reform pro-
gramme in India these past few
years, may be undone should the
controversy that is arising in that
country be permitted to develop.
There seems to be much bitterness
owing to the absence of any Indian
representative from the commission,
which has been appointed by the
British Government to investigate
the working of the reforms, and
make suggestions thereon. Ap-
parently the Indians fear that the
composition of this commission is
such as to lay it open to bias, so that
its findings would be unfavour-
able to extended concessions, or
possibly would comprise recommen-
dations for repeal of present mea-
sures granted towards self-govern-
ment. The reforms question is a
wide one, with indignification of the
services one of the attendant issues.
It is known that the concessions al-
ready made have satisfied few.
In the case of the radical Nation-
alists, they have been a disappoint-
ment, and the more moderate In-
dians have merely awaited their
working to observe where they
could be improved and extended. All
parties have looked to the reforms
as preliminary steps to something
more in the way of concessions.
The extremists, like the Swarajists,
have never felt satisfied by what
has been granted. In a way the
subject is purely an Indian issue,
but the British Government must
perforce decide what policy is to
be followed. So far as the per-
sonnel of the commission of en-
quiry goes, it is unchallengeable
from the point of view of ability,
experience, or fairness. But its
lack of the native element lays it
open to criticism, and this has not
been wanting. It remains for Brit-
ain to consider whether some con-
cession to Indian opinion cannot
yet be made.

One can hardly be expected to as-
sess the full importance of
Indian politics at this distance, but
the Government at Home must have
a proper knowledge of affairs, with
the advisers of the Indian Govern-
ment, in close touch with events,
relaying their views to London.
Yet it seems that a blunder is about
to be committed. The masses of

India have no more than a transient
interest in the question of their ad-
ministration, so long as it be im-
partial and efficient. But there has
grown up a very large element of
pseudo-reformers, who are some-
times agitators of the worst type.
Now, with the spread of Bolshevik
doctrines to the country, it behoves
the authorities not in any way to
offend the susceptibilities of the
loyalists, who are willing co-opera-
tors in the attempt gradually to
introduce reforms, and to advance
by degrees towards the self-govern-
ment which has become the main
plank of nearly every Indian politi-
cal platform. In the discussion
of Indian affairs of such magnitude
and importance, it seems reasonable
to suppose that Indian representa-
tion would be a valuable assistance
to the Commission. It may be that
the difficulty has been to choose
certain persons without seeming to
give any particular section of the
communities special attention: yet
that is a matter which the Raj itself
should be capable of deciding. Per-
haps the storm of protest which
has followed the appointment of a
Commission without a single Indian
representative, will influence the
British Government towards early
reconsideration of this exclusive
policy.

Chinese Stenmate.

Now that Parliament has again
assembled, there is opportunity
provided for the putting of ques-
tions which will lead to declara-
tions by the Home Government on
the subject of China, and we are
pleased to note that on the very
first day of the new session, Sir
Austen Chamberlain gave a review
of the general China situation.
The most serious aspect of the
present situation is the turmoil on
the Yangtze, which is responsible
for the dislocation of trade,
though it is gratifying to learn
that at such places as Changshu
and Chungking, where there was
such bitter anti-foreign feeling in
the critical days of last year, there
is such an improvement in feeling
that the re-start of British trade
is possible. The Canton boycott
has proved itself to be the work of
a gang of "squeezers," and is
already so much on the wane that
it need scarce be taken serious
note of at this stage. The defeat
of General Yen Hsi-shan, of
Shansi, confirms what was the
early official British view, namely,
that Chang Tso-lin's grip on the
North is too strong to be forcibly
upset, and it indicates still further
how wise the British Government
was in opening separate negotia-
tions with the North and the
South. In the light of all that
has happened since, we can now
reflect on how boastful and pre-
sumptuous was the stand taken by
Eugene Chen when he demanded
that the British Government
should deal exclusively with the
Nationalists. According to yester-
day's reports, the Nationalists
have suffered a rather serious
reverse on the northern front,
and the fact that they are
fighting between themselves on the
Yangtze, and that there is a
cleavage between Canton and Nan-
king, makes their prestige rather
low at the moment. Britain's
policy of waiting for someone able
to speak authoritatively on out-
standing matters seems likely to be
prolonged indefinitely, for the Na-
tionalist Government cannot speak
for the South as a whole, and is
not yet sensible enough to recognise
Marshal Chang Tso-lin's strong
de facto position, and enter into a
tripartite agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CENOTAPH CEREMONY.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir.—Please grant me a few
lines to remind the members of the
Mercantile Marine that space is
reserved for them and that they
are cordially invited to be present
at the Cenotaph at 11.00 a.m. to-
morrow, Armistice Day, to assist
in laying a wreath to the memory
of their comrades who lost their
lives in the War.

Uniform optional, but desirable.
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I shall be pleased to meet all
those who can possibly attend at
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at 10.30 a.m. sharp, in order that
we may be in position by 10.45
a.m.

W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary,
C.C.O.G. & M.E.G.C.

Hongkong, Nov. 10, 1927.

DAY BY DAY.

EVERYTHING IS SWEETENED BY
RISK.—Alexander Smith.

A 16-years old Chinese girl fell
from the roof of No. 279 Portland
Street, Yaumati, to the street
yesterday, and received injuries
which necessitated her removal to
the Kwong Wah Hospital.

"Felix" the cat is to be seen in
the new programme at the Queen's
Theatre to-day in an amusing new
cartoon, "Felix Busts Into Busi-
ness," which will be greatly enjoy-
ed by those who enjoy the antics
of this quaint creature.

Items in the topical gazette show-
ing at the Queen's Theatre to-day
are the winning of the Cesarewitch,
the annual procession of judges for
the opening of the Law Courts in
London, and the launching of an
Indian liner at Glasgow.

The cutting of the new road
which has been driven through the
waste land behind King's Terrace,
connecting Nathan Road and Cox's
Road Kowloon, was practically com-
pleted yesterday. The cut is now
available for pedestrian traffic.

As the Yaumati ferry, Man Yee,
was making a journey from
Yaumati to Hongkong yesterday
morning, a Chinese jumped over-
board, but was rescued by a mem-
ber of the crew who dived in after
him. He was taken to the Gov-
ernment Civil Hospital.

All departments of Messrs. A. S.
Watson & Co., will be closed to-
morrow, the 11th inst. The Hong-
kong Dispensary, Dispensing De-
partment will be open for the pur-
pose of dispensing prescriptions
from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sister Carati, of the Italian
Convent, St. Francis' Yard, Wan-
chai, has reported to the police
that burglars effected an entrance
into the chapel at about four
o'clock yesterday afternoon. They
stole two carpets and two brass
candle sticks, the total value being
\$67.

We are informed that on the
last voyage from Hongkong to
Sydney, the s.s. "St. Albans" was
in collision with an American
steamer the s.s. "Crown City." The
latter vessel was reported to be
leaking and proceeded to Athol
Bay (Sydney Harbour) where she
dropped anchor.

A coolie employed by the Fa
Ki Knitting factory, Portland
Street, Yaumati, has absconded
with singlets worth \$200, accord-
ing to a report made to the police
by the master of the factory. It
appears that the coolie was told
to deliver the singlets to the
Kwong Sang Ha, in Queen's Road
Central, but he did not do so.

One of the Kowloon Magistracy
coolies prosecuted a Chinese girl
before Mr. W. Schofield on a charge
of larceny of a pair of trousers
from the Court compound. The
defendant was said to have taken
the garment after leaving the
Court yesterday. Sentence of
seven days' imprisonment with the
option of a fine of \$5, was imposed.

This morning's Harbour Office
reports gave 13 arrivals and 17
departures, of which four and five
respectively were British. Ton-
nage was extremely low, with
freights showing a considerable
decrease, there being only one four
figure registry inward and one
through. At 5 a.m. there were 49
vessels in harbour, of which 19
were British.

A hawk who appeared before
Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning, on a
charge of selling his wares within
the limits of the Yaumati market,
was called to have had his license
cancelled last year for repeatedly
committing this offence. By giv-
ing a different name and address
he managed to obtain another
license this year. A fine of \$5 was
imposed.

Mr. T. A. Martin, of
Messrs. Caldwell, McGregor and
Company, yesterday reported to
the police that provisions
to the value of \$540, belonging
to the company, were recently
delivered from the Kowloon Godown
by means of the presentation of
a delivery order bearing a forged
chop. An employee has been re-
ported as absent from duty from
the office since November 1. It is
alleged, in consequence of this
misappropriation.

Taking advantage of his position
as sheriff, employed by a woman
tail holder of the Mongkok Market,
a young Chinese absconded dur-
ing last week with \$183 of his mis-
tress's money, which he had
collected from various debtors.
The youth was subsequently ar-
rested and on his appearance be-
fore Mr. W. Schofield at the Kow-
loon Magistracy this morning, he
volunteered to repay the money on
receipt of the necessary sum from
his people in the country. His Wor-
ship remanded the defendant for
one week pending the arrival of
news from defendant's parents.

CANTON TREASURY BONDS.

GOVERNMENT PROMISES A REFUND.

In response to the appeal of re-
presentatives of the native bank-
ers and merchants, on Tuesday
the Canton Government has shown
its willingness to assist native
bankers in connexion with the
prevailing unfavourable money
market conditions in the city.

During the past two months
more than thirty cases of
bankruptcy, with liabilities totall-
ing from three to four million
dollars, have been declared at
Canton among importers and ex-
porters who deal with districts
along the three principal rivers.
(The West, East, and North
Rivers).

The insolvency of these enter-
prises, according to a Can-
ton report, is due mainly
to the issue of \$10,000,000
Governmental Treasury Bonds,
which native bankers and mer-
chants were forced to buy during
the bank note troubles which oc-
curred in Canton a few months
ago.

Depositors in native banks, be-
lieving that the banks suffered
heavily for being forced to buy
these treasury bonds and could
not continue in business for any
length of time, drew back their
money from the banks. Subse-
quently not a few of the native
banks had to close their doors be-
cause of this.

Since then money in the city
has been tight and bankers have
been cautious in advancing money
for trade transactions. Conse-
quently, the importers and export-
ers whose usual practice is to
borrow from the banks loans for
short period transactions have
been seriously affected.

Wang Ching-wai Interviewed.

On Tuesday, Mr. Wang Ching-
wai, the new chairman of the Can-
ton Political Council, in an inter-
view with Mr. Kong Hung-yun, a
prominent Canton merchant, who
represented the native bankers,
regarding the Government Treas-
ury Bonds, declared that, in re-
sponse to the request of the bank-
ers, he would deliberate with his
colleagues on the matter, at the
first opportunity, adding that if
possible the Government would re-
fund to the merchants at least one
or two million dollars' worth of
Treasury Bonds within a few days' time.

RETURNS TO PRACTICE.

MR. P. M. HODGSON IN COURT.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, well-known
in local financial and business
circles, made an appearance as a
solicitor in the Summary Court
this morning after an absence of
many years. He appeared to re-
present a plaintiff in a partner-
ship, action and when the case
was called Mr. Justice J. R. Wood
welcomed Mr. Hodgson by saying
"It is a pleasure to see you in this
Court again."

Mr. Hodgson thanked His Lord-
ship for his welcome.
In 1904 Mr. Hodgson was a
solicitor of the Supreme Court of
Judicature, England, and three
years later a solicitor of the
Supreme Court of Hongkong. Mr.
Hodgson was appointed assistant
Crown Solicitor in 1911 and was
acting Crown Solicitor from 1913
to 1914.

Later he left the Government
Service and joined the Union
Insurance Society of Canton, and
afterwards became a share broker.
Last month he was admitted to
partnership by Dr. S. W. Tso,
solicitor of Pedder Building.
To-day's appearance in the Sum-
mary Court was probably Mr.
Hodgson's first for well over ten
years. The case in which he was
interested was on the customary
weekly list and was adjourned for
a date to be fixed for its hearing.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Nov. 9.

Paris	124.05
New York	487 3/32
Brussels	84.94
Geneva	25.25
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	89 3/4
Berlin	20.44
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.17
Oslo	18.46
Vienna	24.60
Prague	184.4
Hofburg	139.4
Madrid	28.65
Lisbon	2 7/16
Athens	870
Rio	5 29/32
Bucharest	785
Buenos Aires	47 13/16
Bombay	1 5/16 15/16
Shanghai	2/6 1/2
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 23/32
Silver (spot)	80 1/2
Silver (forward)	81 1/2

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

A Japanese advertisement—
Hair Cut
Done While You Wait.
We suppose that this is very
smart and up-to-date, but we must
confess we prefer the old-fashion-
ed plan of leaving your hair to be
cut, and calling for it in a day
or two.

"Your face is an electrical im-
pulse."

This is not a new epithet, but
one of the instructive remarks of
Professor John Logie Baird, who
explained his invention, the
phonovisor, at the Model Engineers'
Exhibition at the Horticultural
Hall.

The phonovisor is an instrument
like a gramophone, but, in addition
to the record which reproduces the
voice, there is a screen on which
the speaker is seen talking.

The first part of the process of
making the records is to turn the
face into sound. Every face, ex-
plained Professor Baird, has its
own sound, and the sounds of the
face, which change every time the
face moves, are played into a re-
cording machine. They are then
turned back into their original
image by means of the phonovisor.

Woman at Lambeth: I lent him
£1, and he didn't have the audacity
to pay it back.

Barrister at Shoreditch County
Court: You say that your nerves
have gone, and that you have no
feeling, but you jumped when test-
ed by the doctor. Man: So would
you jump if you had a pin stuck
in your back; try it.

Solicitor at Shoreditch County
Court: Tell your husband he must
pay this. Woman: And I should
have to put up with the black-
guarding—I should say so.

Mr. Clarke Hall, Old-street
magistrate: Horsekeepers spend
their lives among horses; yet, ac-
cording to their own accounts,
they often do not know whether
they are lame or not.

Clara Blackman, aged sixty-
nine, a street-singer, of Clifton-
place, S.W., who appeared at Marl-
borough-street Police Court on a
charge of placing herself for alms-
gathering at Oxford-street, called
Mrs. Bradley, wife of the secretary
of Messrs. Watney, Combe, and
Reid, for her defence.

Mrs. Bradley stated that she was
first attracted to Blackman by her
sweet voice and her appearance.
She knew her to be perfectly honest,
and had helped her whenever she
could.

Mr. Mead bound Blackman over.

I happen, unfortunately, to be a
politician.—Mr. Ramsay, Mac-
Donald.

Marriage is an increasing cause
of human unhappiness.—Mr. Booth
Tarkenton.

Beys are apt to think music is
something which exists just for
girls.—The Duchess of Atholl.

The British Legion is one of the
greatest possible safeguards of the
British Constitution.—Lord
Jellicoe.

Child audiences are altogether
delightful, with none of that icy
feeling one gets with adult
audiences.—Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

A new slot machine containing
pocket-handkerchiefs has appeared
in London.

There are now slot machines for
chocolate, cigarettes, matches,
clean towels, weight registration,
boot-brush operation, drinking cups,
fruits, name-plates, automatic
games, and pocket-handkerchiefs.

No doubt the time is at hand
when we will simply have to put
a coin in the slot, and, hey presto!
a whisky and soda, a trouser but-
ton, a bootlace, luggage tags, and
other little trifles in life furthest
away in the case of an emergency.

There is no saying where it will
stop. The exasperated man who
watches, aghast, his train filter
forth without him, may perhaps
have the solace and comfort of the
automatic machine to provide him
with a book entitled, "Trains and
how to catch them," by Miss
Emman Swear.

It was stated at an inquest at
Leeds, on Eliza Beecher Lamson
Hume, (46), of Rockwood-crescent,
York-road, that, on the advice of
a friend, she had taken a concoction
of pigs' toes boiled up and ground
into a powder and taken as a kind
of tea as a cure for diabetes. A
verdict was returned that death
was caused by diabetes, accelerated
by gastritis, due to improper food.

The s.s. Somerseshire arrived
in Hongkong yesterday morning
with a large draft for the Nor-
thamptonshire Regiment on board.
The transport berthed at Holt's
Wharf. The troops disembarked
early in the afternoon and mar-
shed via Nathan Road to Shek
po to join the regiment
stationed there. The
shire is expected to sail
had towards the end of
carrying the whole of the
themed battalion of North
shire to Shanghai.

QUEZON'S VISIT TO AMERICA.

REPORTED SELECTION OF GOVERNOR GENERAL.

PHILIPPINES QUESTIONS.

The identity of the next Governor General of the Philippines is believed to have been revealed in a cable received last Friday by Speaker Manuel Roxas from Senator President Manuel Quezon who is reported as having described him as one well informed on local conditions and acceptable to Filipinos.

The cable received by Speaker Roxas is understood to have been sent by Mr. Quezon after he and Senator Sergio Osmena, special envoys of the Insular legislature, had seen President Coolidge.

"We have been well received by the President," Mr. Quezon is reported as saying in his cable stating that he expects another conference with the federal chief executive.

Speaker Roxas when asked of the contents of the cable refused to discuss it, excusing himself with the statement he did not feel it proper to talk of the matter for publication.

In legislative circles last night, the rumour was current that former Governor General William Cameron Forbes will be named by President Coolidge. Many believe he already has been appointed.

There are those however who were of the opinion that Major General Frank G. McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, has greater possibilities for the governorship.

Call by Filipino Leader.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Calling on President Coolidge to-day for an intimate discussion of Philippine affairs, Senator Manuel Quezon assured the President that he had no recommendation to make regarding the successor to the late General Wood. He said he felt that a satisfactory man would be named.

No sooner had the Filipino leaders left the White House than Representative Underhill made a plea to Mr. Coolidge against any change in the President's sentiments toward independence, on the ground that the islands were not ready for independence.

Mr. Underhill, when interviewed, said that he told the President that while Quezon is in the United States spreading propaganda for independence, the Philippine house had passed a bill to permit 6,000 lepers to leave the colony and return to their homes.

He added, "This is an evidence that the Filipinos are not ready for independence. Here they would set aside with one stroke the great work on which the late Governor Wood spent so much time perfecting. It is an evidence of irresponsibility and should convince anyone that the greatest boon in the Philippines is American supervision over their government."

Mr. Quezon expressed a hope that the President would choose a man who knows by personal contact something of the Philippine problem. There are indications at the White House that this is Mr. Coolidge's intention.

Independence Taboo.

The insular senate president said that he did not mention independence to the President. He was accompanied to the White House by Senator Sergio Osmena, Commissioner Guevara and Secretary of War Davis.

It is not known how soon General Wood's successor will be appointed, but it is believed that Mr. Coolidge has decided upon a man who knows the islands intimately. The name of David P. Barrows, which has been mentioned frequently in the past, was brought forward prominently to-day. Barrows, now a professor at the University of California, has a long record of achievement in the Philippines and Orient. He is understood to be without particular political backing, but it is said that arguments which friends advanced for his availability met with satisfaction at the White House.

Mr. Quezon declined to comment as to whether President Coolidge had intimated a change of administration policy toward the Philippines, as expressed in his letter some time ago to Representative Manuel Roxas.

The conference lasted for an hour and ten minutes. At its conclusion, the Filipino delegation went to the office of Secretary Davis. Mr. Quezon said that the President invited them to return for further discussion if any was desired.

Senator Osmena arrived from Syracuse, N.Y., at 6.20 this morning. He said, "My son, Jesus, a student at Cornell, is seriously ill in the hospital there, but there is improvement."

Senator Quezon was asked to-day whether he had approved an inter-island shipping bill which would permit foreign ship owners to replace their obsolete vessels with new ones.

BALKANS TRIAL CONCLUDES.

COMMUNISTS GET HEAVY SENTENCES.

Budapest, Nov. 9.

Most of the accused Communists who were recently on trial have been found guilty.

Zoltan Szanto has been sentenced to 8½ years, and Vagi to 4½ years' imprisonment, with 10 years' loss of political rights.

Two others of the accused have been sentenced to 4 years, one to 3½ years, and thirty others to from 8 months to 2½ years' imprisonment.

Ten of the men were acquitted. There were wild scenes during the reading of the sentences. The prisoners cheered Bolshevism, interrupting the judge in the course of the trial.

The chief of police denied an allegation that the prisoners' confessions were extorted under torture.—Reuter.

A message of October 17 stated: The trial has opened of two Communists and former members of the People's Commissary, named Zoltan Szanto and Eugene Landrer, and the leader of the extreme left wing of Labour, named Vagi, with 55 associates. They are charged with spreading Bolshevik revolutionary propaganda under orders from the Moscow International.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

CRUISER PROGRAMME DELAYED.

London, Nov. 9.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that the following vessels were under construction for the navy: One battleship, twelve cruisers, one river gunboat, six submarines, four river gunboats, one submarine depot ship and one repair ship.

The following vessels were completed during the last twelve months: One battleship, one minesweeper, and one submarine.

He was asked whether the cruisers which were to have been laid down this year had been delayed, and Mr. Bridgeman replied that the cruisers in this year's programme had not been laid down. The matter was under consideration at the present moment.—British Wireless.

TAI PING THEATRE SCUFFLE.

FIREMEN SUMMONED FOR ASSAULT.

Five Chinese members of the Fire Brigade appeared before Mr. R.E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning on two charges of assault, the complainant in one case being the door-keeper of the Tai Ping theatre, Des Voeux Road West, and in the other a Chinese detective sergeant named Wong Kam.

The defendants are Ho Kam-lai, (stoker); Onoi Kam and Chan Chan, (firemen); and Cheung Tai and Kwok Wa-sing (seamen). The scuffle took place outside the Tai Ping theatre and the detective alleges that he was injured when he tried to stop the fight.

The first and fifth men, Ho Kam-lai and Kwok, both admitted assaulting the door-keeper of the theatre, but the other three made a complete denial.

In reply to his Worship, the first defendant said he assaulted the door-keeper, but he could not say how the Chinese detective was injured.

Mr. Lindsell:—What do you mean by assaulting the theatre man?

In explaining his reason the defendant replied that he was standing outside the Central Magistracy in the afternoon when the complainant bumped into him, swore at him, and then ran away. "I recognised him, and at night I went there for the purpose of revenge."

Terming the man a scoundrel to vent a private spite of that nature, Mr. Lindsell adjourned the case until Monday next.

He declined to answer except to say that "anything done by the majority party during my absence meets my approval."

He also was asked whether he had made any recommendations to Philippine legislative leaders, regarding shipping bills, since his arrival in the United States. He replied that he had not.

TO-MORROW'S DAY OF REMEMBRANCE.

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE IN CATHEDRAL.

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

To-morrow is the ninth anniversary of Armistice Day and its observance in Hongkong as a day of remembrance will follow former lines to a very large extent.

A special Armistice Day Service will be held at St. John's Cathedral at 9.45 a.m., and the preacher will be the Rev. L. Webb, C.F. After the service the "Last Post" and "Reveille" will be sounded in the Cathedral by buglers from the K.O.S.B. A collection will be taken for the St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers and Sailors.

H. E. The Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) will lay a wreath at the Cathedral Memorial.

There will be the usual impressive ceremony at the Cenotaph, a representative assembly including units from the Army, Navy, Volunteers, Red Cross and the E.A.S.M.A. attending. H. E. the Officer Administering the Government will lay a wreath on behalf of the Colonial Government.

Two minutes' silence will be observed at eleven o'clock in solemn remembrance of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The usual street sale of poppies on behalf of Earl Haig's Fund has been arranged, and the organisers anticipate an even readier response than the excellent efforts of previous years.

The E.A.S.M.A. annual dinner will be held in the evening. Armistice Day is being observed as a General Holiday.

SOVIET SHIP TO BE RELEASED.

SEIZURE AT EGYPTIAN PORT.

Alexandria, Nov. 9.

The Mixed Court has ordered the release of the Soviet ship Chicherin, which is departing immediately.—Reuter.

A Cairo message of October 30 stated:

According to the newspaper Al Ahram, the Russian steamer Chicherin was seized while leaving Alexandria for Odessa, with £30,000 worth of cotton recently purchased by Soviet representatives in Egypt. The newspaper adds that the Egyptian Government is unaware of the seizure, which was ordered by the Mixed Court at the request of the Societe Maritime Egyptienne, the owners of the s.s. Inkerman, which was seized by the Soviet early in September.

POWHATTEN SWEEP.

THE WINNING NUMBERS.

We have been advised that the 1st and 2nd prizes in the above sweeps have been drawn by Hongkong ticket holders:

1st Prize Ticket No. 16299 drawn by Charcoal.

2nd Prize Ticket No. 16292 drawn by Young Bill.

We are also informed that Mr. Castro, of the Orient Tobacco Factory is the holder of ticket 16299, and the Mrs. F. Bayot is the holder of ticket 16292.

A social gathering will be held in the Cathedral Hall, on Sunday next after Evensong (6 p.m.). A cordial welcome will be extended to all Service Men and others.

INVOLVED?



A recent portrait of Signor Marconi, who was stated by counsel to be too ill to attend a Chancery Division hearing of an application for reducing the Marconi Company's capital by nearly half. Opposing shareholders made allegations against the directorate amounting to charges of fraud.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING AT ST. JOSEPH'S.

PROMINENT BELGIAN VISITOR MARRIED.

Of considerable interest was the wedding which took place this morning, of the Baron Baudoin Guillaume and Madame Phillippe.

Baron Guillaume, who is Inspector of the well-known financial institution of the Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient, is on a special mission to the Far East in connexion with his organization. He is a brother of the present Belgian envoy plenipotentiary to Peking.

The bride, who came from Belgium, arrived here yesterday on the Messageries Maritimes liner Porthos.

The wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, the ceremony being performed by his Lordship Bishop Vanitoria, who was assisted by Father d'Ayala, with Father Riganti presiding at the organ.

The bride was given away by M. C. Lem, the manager of the Banque de l'Indo-chine; and the witnesses were M. Dufaux de la Prade, the French Consul, and M. G. Bolius, the Belgian Consul.

Amongst those present at the wedding, and at the reception which followed at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, were Mrs. Southern, wife of H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, Dr. Wagner, the German Consul, and prominent members of the French and Belgian communities.

POLICE OR CLO' AUCTIONED.

A SIDELINE OF LOCAL TRADE.

It may sometimes be wondered what becomes of the considerable quantity of cast-off boots and other police equipment after it comes within the category of old and useless stores.

The question was solved at an auction held in the compound of the Central Police Station this morning, when amongst the articles disposed of were 900 pairs of large-sized policemen's boots and about an equal number of cast-off khaki uniforms.

A suspicion was confirmed by information imparted by a jubilant Chinese dealer that the less dilapidated footwear will go to "Paddy's Market," whence it will eventually emerge in all the glory of new soles, and polish, to find among ready purchasers a new lease of life. Other boots will be exported to Mexico, "where at a dollar a-piece, they will gladly be bought by the coolies, and still leave something as profit," stated this dealer.

Other revelations were, that cast-off woollen putties were manufactured into caps, after they had been cut up into the requisite lengths; guards' khaki uniforms were sold to coolies glad of a cheap suit in this chilly weather, and bronze cartridge cases were melted down and refashioned into more useful articles.

As it was only last July when the last lot of old stores was auctioned off, the rapid accumulation of these goods is amazing. It reveals a brisk business, which does not figure in the trade returns of this Colony.

AN F.M.S. PLANTER'S ESTATE.

THE LATE MR. T. BOYD.

Mr. T. Boyd, who died on January 10th this year at the Worpleston Golf Links, Woking, left estate in Hongkong to the value of \$22,400. He was a planter in the Federated Malay States, and at the time of his death he was living at Rossington, The Ridgeway, Woking, Surrey. He was formerly of Ferguslea, Dalbeattie Road, Maxwelltown, Kircubright, North Scotland.

In his will he bequeaths everything to his wife, Mrs. M. Carrie, or Boyd, during her lifetime, and to the children, their share to be divided equally between them, and the issue of any children who may die.

He names his wife, or failing sole executor.

CANTON STEAMERS.

A CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

Change in the running of Canton boats is announced, commencing as from last night.

The Tung On having arrived in the afternoon, sailed for Canton at 11 p.m. and the Sai On, sailing from Canton at a late hour yesterday berthed here this morning. These vessels will now sail from Canton at 5 p.m. daily and from Hongkong at 11 p.m. daily meeting passing each other in the vicinity of Capsulman Pass.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

SOME ELECTRIC SHOCKS MORE SERIOUS.

THE SENSATION FELT.

In a consideration of electric shock observed in industry in Chicago, Dr. H. E. Fisher says that many accidents occur between 9 and 11 a.m. and between 2 and 3 p.m.

In the first period he believes digestion is at its height and is accompanied by drowsiness; in the afternoon period fatigue is probably somewhat stronger than at other times. More cases of electric shock occur in the summer time, with July as the month of greatest frequency. This is attributed to the fact that heat and excessive perspiration make the body surfaces susceptible to more positive contact. Workmen therefore receive a much greater force of current. The same is true of workmen with wet clothing.

According to Dr. Fisher the things that determine the severity of electric shock are the nature of the current, whether direct or alternating; the strength of the current, amperage, voltage, ground connexion; the season of the year; the weather, whether wet or dry, clear or rainy; the length of time the person may be in contact with the rail, wire or other source of electricity; indirect injuries resulting from the fall; the general state of the person's health; the portion of the body in contact with the conductor of electricity; the extent of the surface involved, and the fear element.

An investigation of the sensations felt by persons who have suddenly been shocked brings out the information that the person first feels a sensation of extreme blows over the entire body. The muscles contract strongly, drawing themselves into knots. There is also apparently the feeling of a review of all one's past life in the space of a few seconds, similar to the feeling that is supposed to come with drowning.

Observations made by physicians who have been present at the electrocution of criminals show that the temperature rises at the point of contact as high as the heat necessary to melt steel. Obviously a temperature of this kind in itself is sufficient to cause paralysis of the heat centres of the brain with resultant death.

MARINE COURT.

TWO CASES TO-DAY.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, Kwok Fo-kan, the master of a passenger boat, was charged with a breach of license in carrying 12 boxes of gramophone records, not being passengers' luggage. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment.

Young Cheuk, the mistress of a trading junk, pleaded guilty to the charge of mooring her craft outside five others alongside s.s. Carvalhas, and was fined \$5 with the usual alternative.

MELBOURNE CUP.

A 6 TO 1 WIN.

The result of the Melbourne Cup (2 miles) which was run on Tuesday, November 1st, for the cup and a cash prize of \$10,000, was:

1—Trivalve.

2—Silvaus.

3—Sun O' Mine.

The winner's price was 6 to 1 against.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

1 Name the Home Secretary and his three predecessors in that office.

2 What is the capital of Mexico?

3 Who was the author of "The Beggar's Opera"?

4 What constituency does Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., Father of the House of Commons, represent?

5 What is Trinity House?

6 (a) Who is the Astronomer Royal? (b) How old is his post?

7 What is a nocturne?

8 Who was Fred Archer?

9 What are the meanings of (a) e.g., (b) P.S., (c) L., (d) sic, (e) MS.

10 What great artist painted and etched his own portrait on many occasions?

11 Who said "It is more blessed to give than to receive"?

12 What are (a) a spectroscopy, (b) a stethoscope?

WE HAVE AN ELECTRIC MACHINE WHICH TEASES HORSEHAIR, KAPOC AND FEATHERS.

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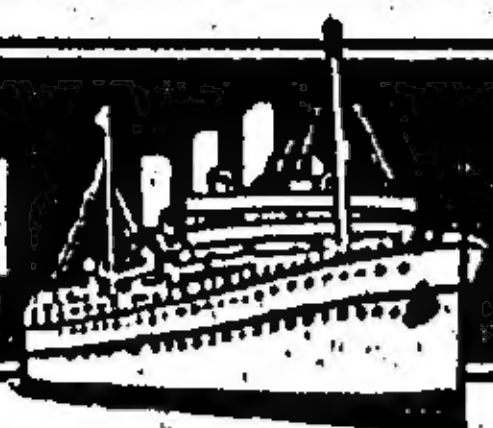
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RECENT CEMETERY LANDSLIDE.

NO LIGHT THROWN ON THE COLLAPSE.

The Coroner's Inquiry was held in the afternoon by Major C. Willson, after his Worship and the jury called into the proceedings had visited the scene of the accident. The inquiry concerned the deaths of three earth-coolies, Ho Yuet, Tang Choi and Ip Pat, who were killed by the fall of earth.

One of the witnesses called was Mr. U. Rumjahn. As one of the Guardians of the Mohamedan Cemetery, Mr. Rumjahn said that early in September of this year he instructed Chan Kam, a contractor, to effect the necessary repairs to the Cemetery, the contracted work including the rebuilding of a collapsed wall.

The last time witness visited the Cemetery to inspect the work in progress was on October 23, two days before the mishap. He was then accompanied by another Guardian, Inspector Nawab Khan, and an assistant, and they stood close to the spot where the fall of earth subsequently occurred. There was then no sign of any danger.

Two days afterwards, at 4.30 in the afternoon, the Guardians' assistant telephoned to witness, who was then in his office, that a serious accident had occurred and several persons had been buried under a fall of earth.

When witness arrived at the Cemetery half-an-hour later, he saw a woman, who was still alive, being carried out in an ambulance. He also saw a man in a standing position with the earth up to his neck, being extricated. That man was already dead.

Heavy Rains.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said he thought heavy rains caused the collapse of the wall in 1926, and the contractor who was employed in rebuilding the wall when the landslide occurred had been habitually employed by witness in connexion with all these repairs to the Cemetery.

In reply to another question, witness also said he expected Chan Kam to be responsible for the work and to employ any sub-contractor he thought fit.

Chan Kam, who was next called, said that he received instructions to repair the damaged wall and also any channels damaged by the rains, in the Cemetery.

It was his custom, after having entrusted the work to a sub-contractor, to inspect the work every morning, in order to see how well it had progressed. From time to time, when this was necessary, he gave instructions as to how the work was to be carried out. In other words, he was supervising the work, although having entrusted it to another man. This latter, Chung Sau, was told to remove the stones and prepare the foundation for the new retaining wall. He was to dig a trench at the spot where the original foundation was located, such procedure being deemed by

UNION ACTION.

CREW TAKEN OUT OF NORWEGIAN STEAMER.

The Norwegian steamer, Dampito (Captain K. Holm) arrived in ballast from Canton at 10 a.m. yesterday morning and reported that on the day previous, officials of the Seamen's Union had boarded and ordered both deck hands and firemen on shore. No reason was ascribed for this action.

The ship was brought down by the six officers on board and on arrival, she secured to G.49 buoy. A new crew was engaged yesterday in Hongkong.

The Dampito is a vessel of 1,430 tons and operated under charter by the T. Tai Hong, for whom Messrs. Dodwell and Company are acting as agents.

In connection with the Union operations in Canton, it is learned that the recently instituted boycott against British and Japanese goods has proved ineffective in respect of British cargoes, but there is a certain amount of trouble with goods of Japanese origin, between the shippers and pickets.

A rumour was current yesterday that the pickets had been withdrawn, after being paid off by the Union, but no confirmation of this could be obtained from vessels arriving yesterday.

witness to be quite safe, and for the reason, also that the earth at that spot was compact.

Nothing Amiss.

The Coroner: You ought to have noticed that the bend there was sharp.

Witness: I had visited the spot, that same morning before the accident, and did not see anything amiss.

Did you notice any cracks?—I had looked for these cracks but found none.

In reply to another question, witness said that whatever instructions he had to give were transmitted to the workmen by the sub-contractor who employed them. This was Chung Sau.

Have you formed any ideas as to the cause of the accident?

Witness replied he had not. The slope was not wholly covered with grass, and even if these cracks had occurred in the covered parts, he would have detected them.

The Foreman of the Jury: Why wasn't shoring put up there?—That could not be done. The slope was low and slanting.

The Foreman: Was your sub-contractor a competent man?—I consider he is competent. I have always employed him and have known him between ten and twenty years.

In reply to another question, witness said that no rains occurred in the two days before the accident. As a matter of fact, he added, the work was purposely held over until the rainy weather had terminated.

The sub-contractor, Chung Sau, deposed that he employed one head-coolie and six other coolies for the work, which consisted of digging the trench and removing the stones. He was not present when the accident occurred, but being summoned, he arrived in time to help in the work of rescue. One woman was extricated, in-

LAWN TENNIS.

MRS. R. E. TOTTENHAM RETAINS LADIES TITLE.

One of the best games of tennis ever played by ladies was that between Mrs. R. E. Tottenham, holder of the Ladies' Championship Singles, and Miss End Lo, on the United Services Recreation Club ground yesterday afternoon in the challenge round of the Open Singles, run in conjunction with the Ladies' Recreation Club tournaments.

The game was watched by a large number of lady enthusiasts and several well-known local man players. The match went the full three sets, the holder winning by 7-5, 2-6, 6-3 after a very hard struggle. The game lasting about an hour and a half.

Mrs. Tottenham opened rather erratically but throughout the match played a much steadier game than her opponent. She was content to return the ball without using much force but always kept good length and often had Miss Lo on the run. Occasionally, however, she put across some hard drives but she seldom forced the game.

Adopting more aggressive methods, Miss Lo put more sting behind all her strokes and brought off some exceptionally spectacular drives especially in the second set when she had the holder beaten on several occasions by well placed side-line shots. She showed more brilliancy than her opponent but lacked the experience of Mrs. Tottenham. The match was fought almost entirely from the back line and although Miss Lo gave her opponent a lot of running to do, she was the first to show signs of tiring.

The first set was a ding-dong struggle from the very first game, although there was nothing worthy of note, during the earlier part of the match both players driving from the back of the court and winning mostly by each others inaccuracy.

Miss Lo took the service and the first four games all went against the server. Landing at 3-2, the challenger won the odd game until five all was called when the holder got the eleventh and the set in the next.

Miss Lo showed better accuracy in her placing in the second set and her driving was more effective. After leading five games to love, she took the set at 6-2.

In the final set, the challenger showed signs of tiring and in comparison with her play in the second set she gave a very indifferent exhibition. After losing the first two games she took the third and fourth but lost the next two. The ninth game was the only other one she got in this set, which she lost 6-3. Mrs. Tottenham thus retaining her title for the second year in succession.

At this stage, the Coroner decided to adjourn the inquiry until Monday afternoon.

The jury were Messrs. George Forder (foreman), Mak Kam-yuk and Tsu Ho-seung.



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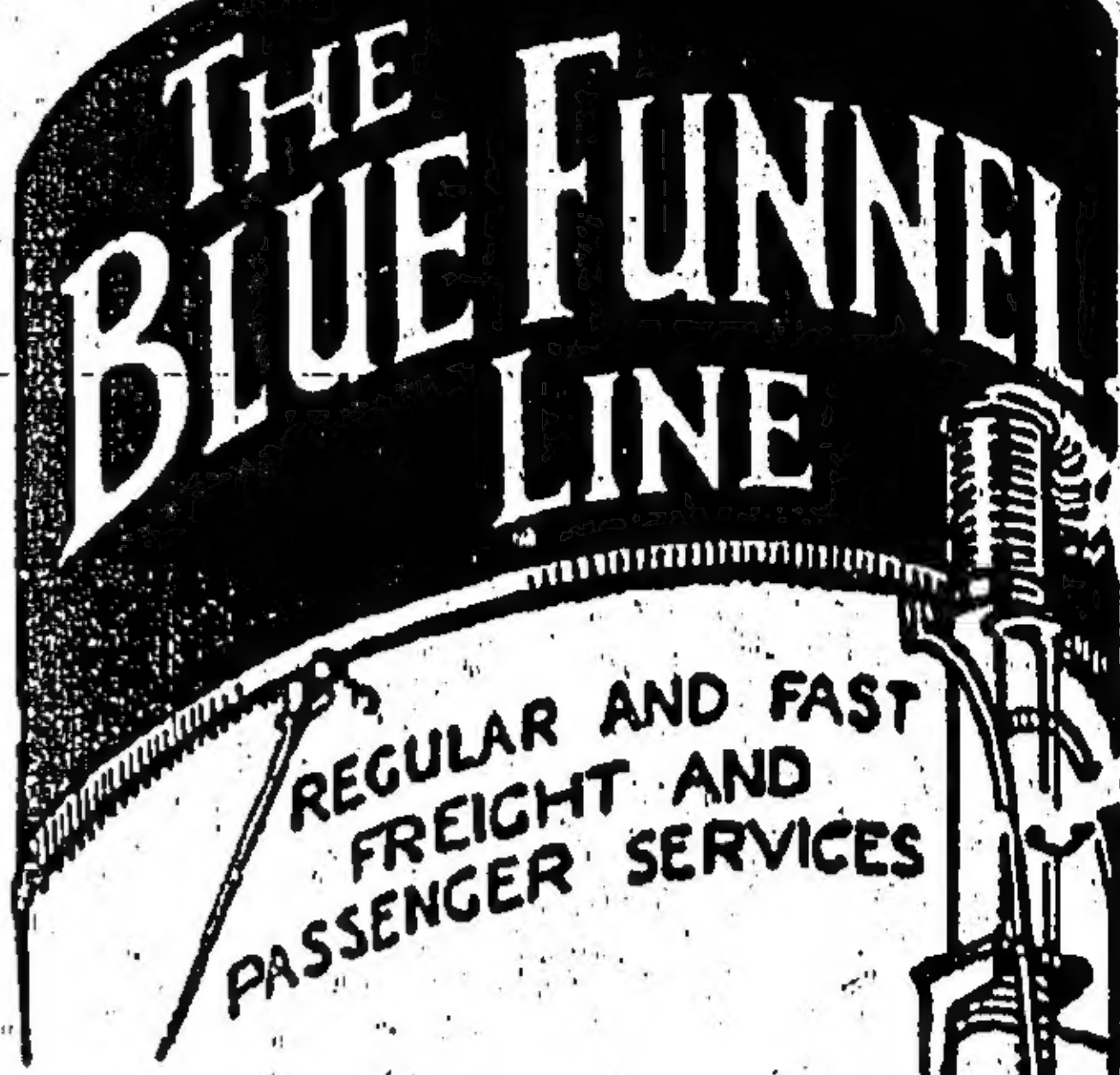
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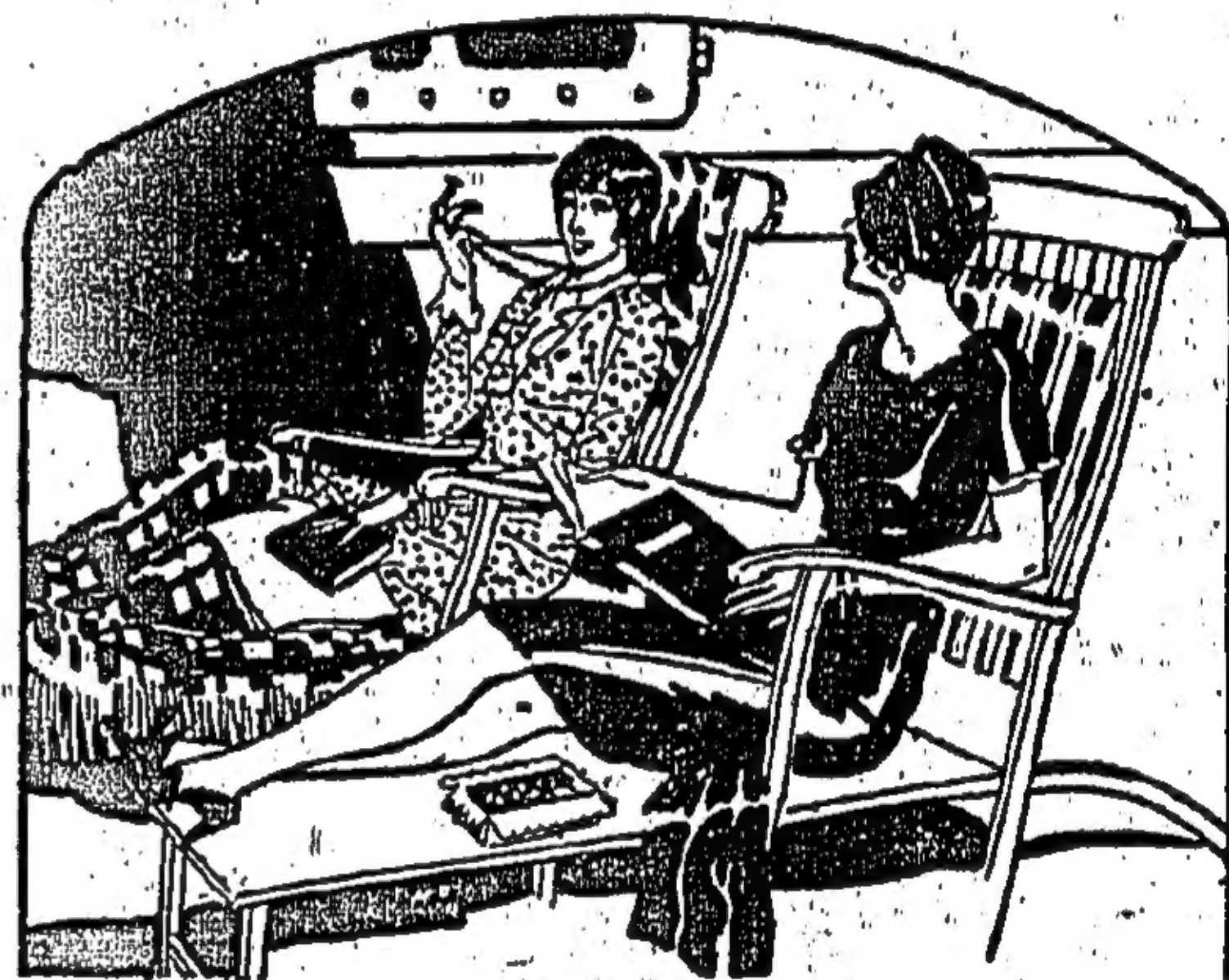
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THE VOLUNTEERS.**ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.**

No. 302 Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L.G. Bird, D.S.O. Administrative Commandant. Hongkong, Nov. 10.

1 Lecture.

Lecture by Major F. C. Roberts, V. C., D. S. O., O. B. E., M. C. at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 14th November. All available members should attend.
Subject:—Modern training. A discussion of modern ideas on training for War with remarks on points brought out during last year's home manoeuvres and Staff exercises etc. To discuss a suggested training programme for the Volunteers whilst in camp.

2 Musketry.

The Artillery and Engineer Companies will fire Part II at St. Andrews Range on Sunday, 13th November, 1927.

This is the last opportunity for members of the above Companies who have not fired Part II to attend. Range Officer: Lieut. T. Addis Martin. Lunch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.
Dress: Uniform or mufti optional but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.
Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 10th November, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 12th November, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3 Range.

Stencutters Range is allotted to Castles on Sunday, 20th November instead of 29th January, 1928.
Range Officer: 2/Lieut. A. MacKenzie. To Reserve Company on 27th November, 1927.
Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.

4 Artillery Company.

Musketry Part II. See Order No. 2.
Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, 17th November for Battery Drill, B.C.A. and G.P.O.A. instruction.
Signallers as per programme.

5 Engineer Company.

Musketry Part II. See Order No. 2.
Monday, 14th November. All members should attend the lecture by Major Roberts at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.
Field Sections.—Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th November for Tests.
Dress: Mufti.
Signal Section. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17th November for Signal Instruction.

6 Mounted Infantry Company.

Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th November.
Dress: Mufti.

7 Armoured Car Company.

Field Day, Sunday, 13th November, 1927.
Advance Party. G.Q.M.S. A. E. Kew, one driver and eight men parade at Corps Headquarters at 8.15 a.m. and proceed to Sheko in Ford Truck to put up the targets.
Remainder parade at Corps Headquarters at 9 a.m. ready to move off at 9.10 a.m. Dress: Uniform, helmet, bandolier, belt, haversack and water-bottle, rifle and bayonet.
The Company will be back in town by 11.15 a.m.
Monday, 14th November. Lecture by Major Roberts. All members are asked to attend.

8 Infantry Company.

Members are notified that the Friday evening parades for Vickers Gun

Training will be discontinued until further notice.

No. 1 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 15th November at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.
Dress: Mufti, rifle and bayonet will not be required.
No. 2 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th November for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti, belt, rifle and bayonet.
9 No. 4 Platoon.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17th November for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

10 Scottish Company.

Thursday, 17th November at 5.30 p.m. Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons at Platoon Headquarters for Vickers Gun Instruction. Full strength parades from now on are essential to complete programme of work prior to camp.

Thursday, 17th November. No. 6 (Kowloon) Platoon will parade as soon as possible after 5.15 p.m. at Corps Headquarters ready to proceed to Kennedy Road for firing Vickers Gun.
Church Parade. Annual parade to Union Church will be held on Sunday, 27th November, 1927.

11 Portuguese Company.

There will be no parade on Friday, 18th November. Next parade Friday, 18th November at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun Training and Drill. Dress: Mufti, belt, rifle and bayonet.

12 Reserve Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th November for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

13 Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on 3. 11. 27. and posted to the Engineer Company (Signal Section).

No. 1272 Spr. S. D. Iggleaden.

14 Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps.

No. 1074 Pte. A. T. Hunter, M. I. Co. from 10. 8. 27. to 30. 11. 27.
No. 1155 Pte. A. K. Rahmed, No. 4 Platoon from 4. 11. 27. to 11. 11. 27.
No. 5 Bdr. K. K. Staple, Arty. Co. from 14. 11. 27. to 4. 12. 27.
No. 1062 Pte. H. Birkett, M. I. Co. extension of leave from 1. 10. 27. to 31. 3. 28.

No. 168 Cpl. T. W. Doyle, M. I. Co. extension of leave from 1. 10. 27. to 31. 3. 28.

15 Struck off the Strength.

Having left the Colony.—No. 1101 L/Cpl. R. F. Strange, No. 2 Platoon, as from 20. 10. 27. No. 979 Pte. C. M. Xavier, No. 10 Platoon, as from 13. 11. 27. No. 1056 Pte. P. K. M. Paten, M. I. Company, as from 1. 10. 27.

Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge.—No. 644 Gunner E. A. Howell, Artillery Co., as from 1. 10. 27.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR.**ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS.****NOTICES.**

1. Sports Meeting.—There will be a meeting of the Sports Committee on Monday, 14th November at 6.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters. All members are requested to attend and bring with them statements of expenditure etc., so that the accounts can be closed as soon as possible.

2. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.—The next monthly spoon shoot will be held at Peak Range on Sunday, 13th November at 9.30 a.m. A competition with the Portuguese Company Rifle Club will also be held at the same time.

3. Scottish Company.—Reel Club. Ninth practice will take place at Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th November, 1927.

LOCAL CRICKET.**ROYAL AIR FORCE DEFEAT THE SCOTS GUARDS.**

The Royal Air Force defeated the Scots Guards in a cricket match played on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday by 103 runs. The Army team batted first and made 154, Capt. Mayfield being the highest scorer with 33. The Air Force opened well, the first batsmen proving an excellent combination. In his 74, Brace scored 13 fours. Scores:

Scots Guards.

Capt. Murray, L.b.w. b Reeks	13
Gdsm. Chapman, c Meller, b Brace	0
Capt. Tyingham, c and b Brace	1
Capt. Graham, b Brace	0
Capt. Erskine, c Hale, b Sinnock	23
Lt. Usher, c Meller, b Reeks	0
Lt. Coghill, c Hale, b Reeks	11
Capt. Mayfield, c Brace, b Sinnock	33
Gdsm. Hargreaves, not out	31
Gdsm. Stiven, run out	16
Gdsm. Hine, b French	10
Extras	8
Total	154

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brace	11	1	51	3
French	5	2	17	1
Reeks	7	2	22	3
Dale	2	20	—	—
Sinnock	5	—	37	2

Royal Air Force.

Lt. Hunt, R.M., c Graham, b Stiven	46
Mr. Bruce, b Erskine	74
R.A.C. Sinnock, b Erskine	0
C. O. Meller, c Usher, b Erskine	4
Lt. Dale, R.N., retired	45
A. C. Reeks, b Chapman	3
Lt. Hale, R.N., c Hargreaves, b Chapman	12
F. L. Farmer, at Usher, b Tyingham	21
L. A. C. Fletcher, b Erskine	9
A. C. Moran, not out	5
L. A. C. French, b Hine	33
Extras	262

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Erskine	16	2	50	4
Stiven	11	1	38	1
Hargreaves	11	1	59	1
Chapman	5	—	39	1
Murray	5	1	15	1
Hine	2	21	—	—
Tyingham	3	1	7	1

Recreio Teams.

The following team will represent the Club de Recreio in their League match against the Hongkong Electric on Friday the 11th inst. at King's Park:—H. A. Alves (Capt.), J. E. Noronha, M. F. Pinna, R. C. Reed, H. M. Xavier, D. P. Xavier, D. F. Lopes, E. de Souza, C. M. Souza, H. A. Barros and L. J. Gutierrez.

Against the 1/Queen's Royal Regiment on Saturday the 12th inst. the Recreio will be represented by: H. A. Alves (Capt.), J. E. Noronha, M. F. Pinna, R. C. Reed, H. M. Xavier, F. H. Carvalho, F. M. Ozorio, E. de Souza, C. M. Souza, H. A. Barros and L. J. Gutierrez.



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AMPUTATED ARM IN
COURT.GRIM EVIDENCE AT
SHANGHAI.

A Chinese tram conductor who
knocked down and injured the arm
of an eight-year-old Chinese boy
on Robinson Road on the 26th day
of the 7th moon was fined \$50 and
ordered to pay compensation in the
sum of \$80 at the Provisional
Court in Shanghai, last Friday.

A grim feature of the case was
the production, by the father of
the boy, of the injured arm of the
latter, which had to be amputated.
The father brought this to Court,
unwrapped it from a piece of paper
and held it up for the Court's in-
spection as proof of the serious
nature of his son's injuries.

The accused, Tsien Siau-doing,
aged 28, was represented during
the proceedings by Mr. H. N. Muir,
of the Shanghai Electric Construc-
tion Company Ltd., (Shanghai
Tramways) who, at the
last hearing, asked for the
dismissal of the case as the
complainant had three times
failed to appear when the case was
set down for hearing. The Judge,
Mr. Wan, however, remanded the
case and through the Chinese City
authorities located the complainant
and produced him in time for
yesterday's final hearing.

Evidence for the prosecution
showed that while the tram-car,
a railless one, was proceeding along
Robinson Road about the time the
cotton mills in the vicinity were
discharging their female employees
at the close of the day's work, the
conductor was standing upon the
step of the car, playfully smacking
girls whom the car passed.

In doing so, he accidentally
knocked down the small boy who
was on his way to buy some veget-
ables for his father and carried a
bowl for the purpose. He fell to
the ground and the back wheel of
the car passed over his arm.

The conductor denied this story,
saying that the car was proceed-
ing slowly, but with the gate shut
and he produced a barber who
worked in the vicinity to corrobo-
rate his story.

The court found him guilty in
spite of this and passed the above
sentence.

SEAMEN REPLY TO
THE T.U.C.

REFUSAL TO BE BULLIED.

London, Nov. 9.
The annual conference of the
National Union of Seamen has
unanimously approved of the
executive's reply to the Trade
Union Congress ultimatum of
October 26, demanding that the
Union cease to support the non-
political miners' union.

The reply stated that the T.U.C.
is a tainted body, and declares
that the Union is only seeking to
protect the moderate, sensible
miners' leaders from dismissal.
It will continue this policy until
it has the assurance of the T.U.C.
that the moderates will have the
full protection of the Congress.—
Reuter.

What is believed to be the most
comfortable police station in the
world was opened at Snow Hill,
E.C.3, by the Lord Mayor, Sir Row-
land E. B. M.P. It is the new
headquarters of B Division City
Police. Architecturally, both in-
side and out, it presents the ap-
pearance of a well-to-do club.
There is a cosy little charge-room
where the prisoner and his captor
can have a chat with the station
officer, and a large room, called
the accommodation cell, which will
hold a dozen or more persons.
This room is so arranged that it
can be partitioned off to ensure
privacy for any of the prisoners
who may desire it. Even "drunks"
have been thought of, and for them
a cell with a patent removable
wooden floor on which they can fall
without hurting themselves has
been provided.

A cat burglar had a narrow
escape from being caught red-
handed at Camden Holt, Chisle-
hurst, when, by the merest chance,
he did not enter an upstairs room
in which were a nurse and a dog.
Neither was disturbed, though he
stole £500 worth of jewellery from
the adjoining rooms.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—
(1) Sir William Joyce-Nicks, Mr. Arthur
Henderson, Mr. W. G. Bridgman, Mr. Edward
Short, 2, Mexico City, 2, John Gay (1885-
1922), 4, Scotland Division of Liverpool, 5,
Ancient corporation dating from 1314, having
supervision over pilotage round British coast
and over lighthouses and lightships. (a)
Sir Frank Dymally. (b) Dates from 1915, when
Greenwich Observatory was founded. 7, In
painting, a night-piece, or a painting ex-
hibiting some of the characteristic effects of
night-light. In music, a composition, em-
bodying the dreamy sentiments appropriate
to the night. 8, Famous British Jockey (1857-
1889), who headed the list of winning jockeys
from 1878 to 1885. 9, (a) Exemplary gra-
tification for the sake of example. (b) Postscript—a
paragraph added to a letter after the writer's
signature. (c) Id est—that is. (d) Thus. (e)
Manuscript. 10, Rembrandt. 11, St. Paul
quotes these words in his address to the
Ephesians (Acts xx., 35) as having been
spoken by our Lord. 12, (a) Instrument used
to produce a spectrum of light, while light
split into its primary colours as in the rain-
bow. (b) Instrument used by doctors to dis-
cover the internal state of the body by listen-
ing to the sounds produced therein.

BRITISH BANKS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Thus it comes about that
foreign banks in China are com-
pelled—not through the "unequal
Treaties," to which, of course, the
Nationalists ascribe foreign finan-
cial influence, but through the
chaos which characterizes the
country's financial as well as its
political affairs—to keep stores
of sycee and to issue notes of their
own. Total imports of silver into
Shanghai in the form of bars in
1926 were 71,929, about 70 per
cent. of which were imported by
British banks, the approximate
total of their note issues in China
(including Hongkong) being
£7,590,000.

If to-morrow the "unequal
Treaties" were abolished and all
the foreign banks in Shanghai
disappeared, leaving the field clear
for the native banks, there would
be no reliable notes on the market,
because there would be no
guarantee of any cover for them,
while trade would be left with-
out any secure basis in the form
of reliable silver supplies avail-
able when wanted. That is being
illustrated at the present time
when, in consequence of the
embargo, it has been found neces-
sary to ship silver to Tientsin in
a British gunboat.

Shanghai Sycee.

An extremely important element
in this reliability, which the
foreign banks help to maintain,
is the honesty of Shanghai sycee.
Sycee, as explained above, is the
term given to silver in ingot form,
the form differing in different
parts of the country. In Shanghai
ingots are in the shape of shoes,
weighing close on 50 taels, each
tael containing 624.93 grains of
fine silver. The production of a
shoe is the result of a highly skill-
ed operation performed in what
to the onlooker seems a very
rudimentary manner, under the
supervision of an institution
known as the Kung Ku Chu, a
public office, but free from Govern-
ment control, at which anybody
in possession of sycee can have
its fineness tested and guaranteed
at the cost of two tael cents a
shoe. Sycee bearing this institu-
tion's "chop" and stated by it to
be silver of a certain fineness,
contains precisely that amount of
silver, no more and no less. The
Kung Ku Chu is not in any formal
sense controlled by the foreign
banks, but their watchfulness and
precision help to keep it up to the
mark, and as it works inside the
International Settlement it enjoys
the protection which foreign
banks themselves enjoy.

Banks and Trade.

The story of British banking in
Shanghai goes back to 1848, when
the Oriental Banking Corporation,
now defunct, opened a branch.
Of the existing banks the oldest
is the Mercantile Bank, which
opened in Shanghai in 1854. In
1853 the Mercantile Bank of India
was incorporated under Royal
Charter as the Chartered Mer-
cantile Bank of India, London and
China, a title changed in 1893 to
the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.
From 1894 to 1915 the branch was
run as an agency in the offices of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and
Co., Ltd., reopening as a branch
in the latter year. The Chartered
Bank of India, Australia and
China, opened in Shanghai in
1857, the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation in 1864, and
the P. and O. Banking Corporation
in 1920.

In 1865, when the first balance-
sheet of the Hongkong and Shang-
hai Banking Corporation was
published, China's total foreign
import trade was valued at Hk.
Tls. 34,160,000, or (at Hk. Tls. 3,
the average rate of exchange that
year) £28,050,000. Of this total,
Shanghai's importations were
valued at about £11,000,000.

In 1925 (the 1925 figures are
not yet available) China's total
import trade was valued at Hk.
Tls. 965,000,000, or about £168,388,-
000, Shanghai's importations being
valued at Hk. Tls. 431,887,000, or
about £75,340,000.

The total of bills receivable and
discounted in 1926 by the four
British banks doing business in
Shanghai was over £109,000,000, a
large proportion of this total re-
presenting business done in that
port.

An Important Point.

While there is no occasion to
labour what these figures plainly
tell, their significance would not
be fully appreciated without real-
ization of the fact that the part
played by modern Chinese banks
in China's foreign trade is, as yet,
small.

Some 23 are members of the
Chinese Bankers' Association,
but the foreign trade they finance
is but a small fraction of the
figures shown above. At the pre-
sent time, when extreme National-
ists in China are making a "dead
set" against everything British, it
is important that this fact, and the
chaotic condition of China's cur-

SHANGHAI RIOTERS
ARRESTED.MOB OF 300 ATTACKS
MEDICINE SHOP.

Thirty-five Chinese last Friday
were under arrest at the Shanghai
Public Safety Bureau, Great East
Gate, Shanghai following the
small-sized riot on the previous
day outside the West Gate, when a
mob of more than 300 persons
charged a Chinese shop, smashed
the furnishings of the place,
damaged stocks and created a
great deal of confusion, during
which the place was looted.

The mob, it is asserted, consist-
ed of employees of other chemist
shops. The shop attacked is the
Liu Shou Dong Medicine Shop.
Attempts were made to as-
sault the proprietor of the
shop but this was prevented
by the timely arrival of Chi-
nese police. The assault on the
shop, it is believed, is the result
of the owner of the shop not living
up to promises alleged to have
been made to employees last April.

Following the arrival of the
police the mob turned on them and
for a time there was a lively bat-
tle, the police using their batons
freely while some of the mob armed
themselves with sticks and
other weapons. Seven constables
are reported to have received
slight injuries while more than a
score of members of the mob were
bruised.

NOT ONLY COTTON
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SOVIET INTRIGUE IN EGYPT.

Cairo, Nov. 9.
The Ministry of the Interior has
sent a communication to the
American Legation pointing out
that Semnoui, one of the Russian
cotton delegates, who is a
naturalised American, having
failed to carry out the under-
taking to refrain from Bolshevik
propaganda, is considered an
undesirable, and should be requested
to leave the country.—Reuter.

The Soviet delegates arrived in
Egypt a few weeks ago, allegedly
on a purely commercial mission,
and have bought large quantities
of cotton for shipment to Russia.

A lecture will be given by Major
F. C. Roberts, V.C., D.S.O., O.B.E.,
M.C., at Volunteer Headquarters
at 5.30 p.m. on Monday next, when
the subject will be: Modern
training. A discussion of modern
ideas on Training for War with
remarks on points brought out
during last year's home manœu-
vres and Staff exercises, etc., will
be held in connexion with a sug-
gested training programme for the
Volunteers whilst in camp.

According to the *Natal Mercury*,
the Union Government has con-
cluded an agreement with Imperial
Airways, Limited, for the erection
of an airship mooring-mast in the
vicinity of Tongaat, 30 miles from
Durban, where an aerodrome is to
be established.

rency, should be known and un-
derstood. Consideration of Chi-
nese affairs has tended to centre
round the effects on our trade of
boycott to the exclusion of the
consequences of allowing the Chi-
nese to "jockey" is out of the
safeguards essential to sound
finance. Among these are free-
dom from Government interfer-
ence of the processes whereby bar
silver is converted into sycee—the
"sheet anchor," as the late Mr.
Stephen described it, of the mon-
etary position in Shanghai (a
freedom which would disappear if
the Chinese were given in the
international settlement the powers
which they have been given in the
ex-British concession at Hankow),
and amenability of our banks to
British and not to Chinese laws.
Let either of these safeguards be
removed and our losses will be
far greater than those inflicted on
us by boycott. Some day, every-
body hopes, the Chinese will have
a decent Government and a reli-
able currency.

Present Protection.

At present they have neither,
and until they have it is absolute-
ly essential that our banks should
continue to enjoy the protection
which extraterritoriality and
foreign administration of Shang-
hai gives them. In saying this one
is not thinking only of the pros-
perity of the banks; and of the
foreign commercial concerns
which they have helped to create,
and with which their own pros-
perity is bound up, one is think-
ing also of China's prosperity.
Her trade, her railways, her grow-
ing industrial concerns, all these
are the fruits of Sino-British,
co-operation under certain con-
ditions. Destroy those conditions
at this premature stage, and co-
operation will not be made easier
and more productive; it will be
made harder and less productive.

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